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BUSINESS IN CONGRESS.

THE REVENUE BILL.

THE MEASURE AGAIN TAKEN UP IN THE SENATE—AMENDMENTS VOTED DOWN—PASSAGE OF THE BILL ABOUT MIDNIGHT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon a motion to bring the Revenue bill, which was laid upon the table last night, again before the Senate was made and carried by a vote of 26 to 23. This action was brought about by changes in one or two votes and by a fuller attendance of Senators or arrangements of pairs. The bill having been taken up, the Senate took a recess till 8 o'clock, and then proceeded with its consideration. There was a continuous struggle by the opponents of the bill to attach amendments, all of which were voted down by varying but small majorities. The opposition held out as long as possible without forcing business into such a condition that they would become responsible for an extra session, and then allowed action to be taken. When the bill was reported from Committee of the Whole to the Senate the amendment made last night relative to tax on tobacco now on hand was stricken out by a vote of 29 to 27.

The final vote was taken a little before midnight, and the bill was passed in concurrence with the House, without any amendment. It therefore lacks only the signature of the President, which it will receive to-morrow, to become a law. The fact that an attempt would be made to take up the bill again was stated last night, and the close voet shows there was good reason for the doubt expressed of the success of the undertaking. Secretary Bristow was on the floor, and when the bill was passed he received many congratulations. While the measure is not such as he wished, it will give the department revenues which are indispensable if the credit of the Government is to be maintained.

SIMON CAMERON REHABILITATED.

THE RESOLUTION OF CENSURE ON HIM, PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1862, RESCINDED YESTERDAY—THE SENATOR MUCH PLEASED—BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The House to-day, by a unanimous vote, directed the resolution of censure passed in 1862 upon Simon Cameron for alleged official misconduct while Secretary of War to be rescinded. The resolution rescinding the resolution of censure was preceded by a preamble, quoting from a message of President Lincoln, sent to the House after the resolution of censure had been passed and in which President Lincoln assumed a full share of the responsibility for the acts for which Secretary Cameron was censured. President Lincoln, in his message, said that at the time Mr. Cameron made the contracts for the making of which he was censured there were no adequate means or facilities for public defense, and Congress had adjourned for an indefinite period. In that emergency he felt it a duty to direct such purchases and expenditures as would enable him to defend the nation, and accordingly instructed Mr. Cameron and Mr. Welles, the then Secretaries of War and the Navy, to arrange for organizing troops, purchasing ships, and providing the necessary supplies and transportation. In pursuance of these instructions, Mr. Cameron authorized Alexander Cummings, of New-York, to act for him, and Mr. Welles gave George D. Morgan, of New-York, similar authority. Upon the same day in which the House passed the vote of censure on Mr. Cameron a similar resolution, censuring Mr. Welles, Secretary of the Navy, was rejected by a vote of 72 to 15. The following is the resolution rescinded by the House to-day:

Resolved, That Senator Cameron, late Secretary of War, by investing Alexander Cummings with the contract of large sums of the public money and authority to purchase military supplies, without restriction, without requiring from him any guarantee for the faithful performance of his duties, when the services of competent public officers were available, and by involving the Government in a vast number of contracts with persons not legitimately engaged in the business pertaining to the subject matter of such contracts, especially in the purchase of arms for future delivery, has adopted a policy highly injurious to the public service, and deserves the censure of the House.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 79 to 45, in April 30, 1862. Mr. Cameron has received numerous congratulations on the action of the House to-day, and he is in excellent spirits on account of it.

THE CLAIM AGENTS' BOUNTY BILL.

PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE IN THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS THAT VIRTUALLY KILL IT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate spent a greater portion of the day on the House bill for the equalization of bounties. It was called up by Mr. Logan, who urged its passage; but it was opposed by Mr. Sherman, who argued that in the present condition of the country it would not be expedient to pass such a bill, which would take millions from the Treasury. Mr. Logan, in his speech, estimated the sum necessary to meet the requirements of the bill at $30,000,000; but Mr. Sherman, in reply to this, stated that the sum had been estimated at $50,000,000 by officers of the Second Auditor's office, and over $100,000,000 by the Paymaster General. The third section of the bill as it came from the House provided for the deduction of all bounties already paid under any United States or State law. On motion of Mr. Ferry, of Connecticut, the words "or State" were stricken out, so that in computing the bounty to be paid only that heretofore paid by the United States shall be deducted. This amendment was agreed to by a vote of thirty-four yeas to twenty-one nays. Mr. Edmunds then submitted an amendment authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow the money necessary to meet the requirements of the bill, and for that purpose to issue bonds described in the act of July 14, 1870. This was agreed to by a vote of forty-one yeas to twelve nays. The vote upon the bill as amended was 30 to 30, and the question was carried in the affirmative by the casting vote of Vice President Wilson. This is the first time Vice President Wilson ever gave a casting vote. The amendments are, of course, fatal to the final passage of the bill, and they were so intended in the judgment of the Senate. This is not the time to make an indefinite draft on the Treasury of from $30,000,000 to $100,000,000. Under different circumstances the bill would have been much more favorably considered. Some Senators who voted for the amendments, knowing that would defeat the bill, would have recorded themselves directly against it with great reluctance. The defeat of the bill at this Congress probably destroys it forever, though the agents, who have absorbed millions of dollars of claims, will continue to press it whenever opportunity offers.

THE POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL.

IT IS REPORTED BACK TO THE HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS—A SENATE AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO LET PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND GARDEN-SEEDS GO THROUGH THE MAILS FREE — ANOTHER STRUGGLE ABOUT THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Post-Office Appropriation bill was reported back to the House to-day by the Appropriation Committee, with recommendations for concurrence with some of the amendments of the Senate, and non-concurrence, with others. The Senate amendment providing that Congressional and public documents shall pass free through the mails was amended by the Appropriation Committee, requiring the frank to be written by the member of Congress, and providing that speeches reproduced from the *Record*, and speeches delivered elsewhere than in Congress, shall not be considered public documents. The amendment was adopted by the House. On the question of concurring a struggle ensued between those favoring and those opposing a restoration of the franking privilege. A demand was made for the yeas and nays, but only twenty-seven arose to second the demand. By a viva voce vote of 113 to 65 the House agreed to concur in the Senate amendment, as amended by the House committee. Mr. Garfield moved to reconsider the vote, which motion was tabled by a vote of 127 to 103, the opponents of the frank having succeeded in mustering sufficient strength to obtain an yea and nay record. Another amendment made by the Senate authorizes the passage of garden seeds free through the mails, when franked by a member of Congress or a Delegate. This was also adopted by a vote of 133 to 95. The bill was then referred to a Conference Committee. The amendments adopted do not authorize the franking of letters.

OTHER APPROPRIATION BILLS.

CONDITION OF THE LEGISLATIVE, SUNDRY CIVIL, AND DEFICIENCY BILLS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The third conference on the difference existing between the two Houses on the Legislative Appropriation bill has been unable to agree and a fourth conference was ordered. The House is determined to adhere to its position in reference to fixing salaries of their own Clerks, and will yield only when it becomes necessary to do so in order to save the bill.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

The Sundry Civil bill was transmitted to the Senate and referred. The paragraph inserted on motion of Gen. Butler, while the bill was in Committee of the Whole, appropriating $5,000 to pay special counsel for the suit ordered to be brought against the New-Idria Company, by resolution of the House, was struck out this morning when the bill was reported to the House. It will require great expedition on the part of the Senate to get the bill to a final vote and reported back to the House before the final adjournment.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The Deficiency bill, the last of the regular appropriation bills, was taken up by the House to-night. The amount appropriated by the bill is a little short of $3,000,000. It is the purpose to finish the bill before adjournment.

The House adjourned at 11:30, and the Senate a little later. There remain, therefore, only twenty-five hours for legislation, with the Sundry Civil bill not yet acted upon by the Senate. There is some fear that an attempt to attach the Force bill to it as an amendment will be attempted. Otherwise, there is little danger that the important appropriations will not pass before noon of Thursday.

THE "OMNIBUS" BILL.

IMPORTANT CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Senate Appropriations Committee propose numerous amendments to the Sundry Civil Appropriations bill, reported this evening, which, if agreed to, will effect a reduction of over $3,250,000 in its total. They diminish the items for public buildings as follows: For Chicago, from $750,000 to $500,000; Cincinnati, from $600,000 to $400,000; St. Louis, from $750,000 to $500,000; Hartford, $10,000 to $5,000; Philadelphia, $750,000 to $550,000; State Department building in Washington $750,000 to $400,000. A reduction of $175,000 is made in the House appropriation for repairs and miscellaneous expenses of public buildings throughout the country. The item for repairs at navy-yards is reduced from $500,000 to $200,000. The following items are stricken out altogether: $191,005 for surveying Indian reservations; $50,000 for the purchase of Gatlin guns; all items for new vessels for the Light-house and coast survey service, amounting in the aggregate to over $300,000; $50,000 for the publication of the records of the rebellion; the appropriation for paying Montana war claims, for sites of forts in Texas, and numerous items for improvements of various kinds in Washington City.

The committee recommend the insertion of an item of $100,000 for continuing the Custom-house building at New-Orleans, and $265,000, gold, to pay the interest on the District of Columbia bonds, guaranteed by the Government. The section known as "the Kellogg bill," for the reorganization of the Treasury Department, is is stricken out. The clause relating to Government securities is changed so far as to make it obligatory instead of discretionary that two of the three printings shall be executed outside of the Treasury, and it is also required that the work when thus contracted for shall be done in the District of Columbia.

LATEST BUSINESS IN CONGRESS.

THE SENATE AT 1:30 A. M. TO-DAY TAKE UP THE SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—In the Senate, 1 A. M.—Mr. Sargent, of California, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, with amendments, and it was placed on the calendar.

A motion of Mr. CHANDLER to take up the Steamboat bill was rejected.

Mr. WEST, of Louisiana, moved to take up the River and Harbor Appropriation bill. Rejected—yeas 55, nays 29.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on the House bill to pay certain awards made by the Secretary of the Treasury for quartermasters and commissary stores. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. SARGENT moved to take up the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. Agreed to, and the Senate, at 1:30 A. M., proceeded to consider that bill.

SUIT AGAINST WILLIAM S. KING.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 2.—Mr. Edward T. Bartlett, of New-York, counsel for the Pacific Mail Company, is now here. He has caused a suit to be commenced on behalf of the company against William S. King, to recover $125,000 paid the latter by Richard B. Irwin. An attachment has been levied on a large amount of King's real estate.

THE SOUTHERN QUESTIONS.

THE LOUISIANA COMPROMISE.

INTERVIEW OF MR. PENN WITH THE PRESIDENT—ASSURANCE OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—D. B. Penn, this morning, by invitation, had an interview with the President in regard to Louisiana affairs. Mr. Penn was assured of the intention of the Administration to use all its influence to compel compliance with the compromise. "You carry out your part of the compromise and there will be no difficulty about the other side," said the President. After this interview, Mr. Penn being assured of the good intentions of President Grant, telegraphed to New-Orleans the result, and that he thought it advisable that the Conservative members of the Senate immediately take their seats, which was done this morning. This announcement promises the certain adjustment of differences, as it gives evidence that the Conservatives accept the terms in good faith.

THE ARKANSAS GOVERNORSHIP.

THE WARD RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE BROOKS AS GOVERNOR REJECTED—THE POLAND RESOLUTION AGAINST NATIONAL INTERFERENCE ADOPTED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The House, about 2 o'clock, took up the report of the Special Committee on Affairs in Arkansas. An arrangement was made by which discussion was allowed till 5:30 o'clock, at which hour a recess was taken till 7:30 o'clock. When the House met after recess, by the arrangement, Mr. Poland took the floor for an hour's speech to close the debate. The opening hour of the debate belonged, under the rules, to him, but he surrendered to Mr. Scudder, of New-York, a member of the Committee. Mr. Scudder made a speech sustaining the majority report and resolution. Nearly all the members of the House, on both sides, gathered round his seat and listened to him with great attention. He treated the subject with candor and good judgment, following and elaborating the arguments of the report. Mr. Scudder was followed by Mr. Ward, of Illinois, who made the minority report of the committee recognizing Brooks as Governor. Mr. Ward took still more extreme ground in his speech than in his report, charging in terms that the State was disloyal to the core. He painted Arkansas affairs in the most sombre colors, and he described the condition of society as not far removed from barbarism. He is one of the most ultra of all extreme Republicans in the House, and the tone of his speech surprised nobody. Mr. Sayler, of Ohio, also of the committee, had a speech prepared in support of the majority resolutions, of which he read a portion and obtained leave to print the rest. Mr. Tremain made an earnest speech in support of the Ward resolution. He voted for the Force bill, and spoke in favor of it. He believes that the present Government of Arkansas rests upon fraud and violence, and desires its overthrow. He is quite as extreme in his political opinions as Mr. Ward or Gen. Butler. During his speech, which was near the hour of recess, more than half the members left the House to go to dinner. Mr. Poland's closing speech surpassed any speech he has ever made in Congress. He had become impressed by the vote on the Force bill with a fear that so much partisan feeling had been aroused that the report of the majority of his committee was in danger of being overthrown. There was a great deal of uneasiness among the conservative men in the House lest a blind majority should follow a blind leader and take action which might precipitate a civil conflict in Arkansas. Judge Poland had postponed action on his report to the latest moment, that the passions stimulated by the contest over the Force bill might subside. He took all the closing hour for his own speech, and reviewed the Arkansas case, claiming the close and silent attention of the whole House. Judge Poland cannot vie in "fine frenzy," with Mr. Burrows, who has gone to New-Hampshire on a stumping tour, nor even with Mr. Ward; but he excels in clearness of statement and logical force, and his speech to-night was marked by some passages of real humor. The vote following this speech was a surprise to the House and gallery, though it accorded with expectations formed before the passage of the Caucus bill. On the motion to substitute the Ward resolution for that of the committee the yeas were only 80 and the nays were 153—almost two-thirds of those voting. This was a great disappointment to the Butler crowd. They had grown confident and boastful, and their failure to secure the recognition of Brooks was all the more humiliating. To gain time to consider whether they should regard the defeat as decisive, Mr. Maynard moved to lay the committee's resolution on the table. The yeas and nays were called on this motion, and refused by 95 yeas and 147 nays. The next question, after a slight manifestation of a disposition to filibuster by Butler and Maynard, was upon adopting the report of the Arkansas Committee, the resolution, declaring against interference by any department of the General Government with the Government of Arkansas, and it was carried by a vote of 149 yeas to 80 nays.

THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

EIGHT DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TAKE THEIR SEATS IN THE SENATE.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., March 2.—Eight Conservative Senators took their seats this morning at the State-house.

THE LOUISIANA LEVEE COMPANY RELIEF BILL VETOED.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., March 2.—Gov. Kellogg this morning sent in a veto of a bill which had passed the Legislature for the relief of the Louisiana Levee Company, asserting that the bill was an attempt to legalize a million dollars or more of illegal alleged indebtedness in violation of the Funding law and constitutional amendments. It is said that a strong ring has been formed to pass the bill over his veto.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

RESULT OF THE NEW EQUALITY LAW IN BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, March 2.—William S. Redgrave, owner and proprietor of the Park Hotel, immediately opposite the Camden Street Depot of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, closed his house to-day to the public, to escape incurring the penalties of the Civil Rights bill.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL IN VIRGINIA—TWO HOTELS CLOSED.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 2.—In consequence of the Civil Rights bill, and fearing trouble, both the principal hotels here have canceled their licenses and closed.

CONGRATULATORY MEETING AT SARATOGA.

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 2.—A meeting of colored citizens was held here last night to congratulate the colored men on the adoption of the Civil Rights bill. Resolutions were adopted acknowledging the obligations of the colored race to Charles Sumner and the Republican Party for this great boon.

THE RICHMOND NEGROES EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS.

RICHMOND, Va., March 2.—The negroes here are beginning to exercise their privileges under the Civil Rights bill. During the day several of them have visited various restaurants, including the barroom at the Exchange Hotel, and in one instance a barber-shop, and demanded to be waited upon. They were refused in every instance and ordered out. Nothing is as yet known as to what the parties thus treated will do.

GREAT BRITAIN.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE CROYDON MARCH STEEPLECHASE.

LONDON, March 2.—The Croydon March steeplechases which were to have commenced to-day were postponed on account of the frost.

THE MARK LANE EXPRESS ON THE PRODUCE MARKET.

LONDON, March 2.—The *Mark Lane Express* says the weather during the past week has been rough. The general aspect of the wheat market is firmer. In the Continental markets prices had improved a shilling. It is thought that the lowest prices have been reached everywhere.

SNOW IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 2.—A snow-storm prevails in the southern section of this country to-day.

ACCIDENT ON AN ENGLISH RAILWAY—THIRTY PERSONS INJURED.

LONDON, March 2.—A railway accident occurred near Lichfield, Staffordshire, to-day, by which thirty persons were injured.

SPECIE SHIPMENTS FROM LONDON TO NEW-YORK.

LONDON, March 2.—Seventeen thousand dollars in specie were shipped to New-York by the steam-ship Hermann which sailed from Southampton to-day.

THE REVIVALISTS TO HOLD MEETINGS IN HER MAJESTY'S OPERA-HOUSE.

LONDON, March 2.—The managers of the Kensington Oval have refused the use of that building to Rev. Messrs. Moody and Sankey. It is reported that the latter have engaged her Majesty's Opera-house, in the Haymarket.

SPAIN.

ADDITIONAL MAIL COMMUNICATION WITH CUBA.

MADRID, March 2.—Additional mail communication has been established between Cadiz and Cuba.

FRANCE.

RETURN OF M. BUFFET.

PARIS, March 2.—M. Buffet has returned to Paris from the Vosges, and conferred with President MacMahon.

JAPAN.

WITHDRAWAL OF EUROPEAN TROOPS FROM YOKOHAMA.

LONDON, March 2.—Advices from Yokohama announce that the European troops have withdrawn from that place.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

DISASTER TO A BOSTON-BOUND SHIP.

LONDON, March 3—6 A. M.—Advices from Cape Town report the American ship Sacramento, Lane, master, from Banjoewanjie, Java, for Boston, has put into Simons Bay, Cape of Good Hope, in a leaking condition, and would have to discharge.

CUBA.

DEPARTURE OF CAPTAIN GENERAL CONCHA FOR SPAIN—HIS VALEDICTORY.

HAVANA, March 2.—Captain General Concha sailed to-day for Spain. He issued a proclamation before his departure in which he says:

"I leave you less prosperous than you were in 1852 and 1859, as the insurrection still devastates extensive, though principally barren, portions of the island. I did not promise you on my arrival to liberate you from this evil, for I said the war had lasted and might be prolonged, owing to its peculiar conditions. But the character of the war has changed."

The Captain General refers to the foreigners commanding the enemy, terms the insurgents bandits, and declares their plans in the Cinco-Villas district have been frustrated. He closes by telling the people that in order to restore peace in the island it will be necessary for them to sacrifice part of their fortunes, pay the public debt, and maintain the Army and Navy in an efficient condition. The soldiers, volunteers, and firemen are complimented for their patriotic services.

Gen. Figueroas remains in command of the island as Captain General.

STORMS AND FRESHETS.

THE SNOW BLOCKADE IN THIS STATE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 2.—The Montreal express, the Atlantic express, and the local express bound south are from seven to eight hours behind because of the snow blockade north. Trains from New-York are running on time, and the storm has now ceased.

THE STORM IN CANADA.

TORONTO, March 2.—The storm ceased here during the night, a large quantity of snow having fallen. No trains arrived from the east yesterday. Trains on the Grand Trunk Railway west are greatly behind time. On the Toronto branch and the main line of the Great Western Railroad the trains are almost on time. No trains arrived from the north yesterday. The narrow-gauge roads and branches in the interior are all blocked up.

RAILROAD TRAVEL IN THE WEST.

DETROIT, Mich., March 2.—Nearly all the railroads are running passenger trains on time to-day, but the passage of freight trains is generally suspended. Probably everything will be running as usual to-night.

THE ICE-BOUND FLEET.

BOSTON, Mass., March 2.—A dispatch from Highland Light, Cape Cod, dated 11 A. M. to-day, states that nine schooners are in the ice north of Truro, nearly all showing signals of distress. The United States cutter Gallatin is doing all she can to relieve them. The ice is being carried about the bay by the wind and tide. The brig Carrie Purrington, from Leghorn, for Boston, yesterday moved with the ice four miles from her position. She has both anchors down, and lies about one mile from Truro shore. The barkentine Water Lily, from Palermo, and the brig Mary Allerton, from Rio Grande, remain at anchor under Long Point.

THE FRESHET IN TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 2.—The freshet in East Tennessee is reported to be over. The river is falling rapidly at Chattanooga and has been stationary at Bridgeport, Ala., for several hours. The bridge over the Tennessee River at that point is safe. The damage to the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad will not exceed $10,000, and trains will be running east of the Cumberland Mountains as usual on Friday morning. The Memphis and Charleston Railroad was not seriously damaged. Only two small bridges are reported gone, and the track has been moved at two other points. Trains will run as usual as soon as the water subsides at Bridgeport. On the East Tennessee and Virginia Road, although the line is broken in numerous places, no important structures have been damaged. The reported damages to that road will not exceed $10,000.

ALBANY.

A DAY OF DEMOCRATIC SPORT IN THE ASSEMBLY.

CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL — NEW-YORK CITY "STATESMEN" AT LOGGERHEADS UNDER MISAPPREHENSION—THE HOUSE CONVULSED WITH LAUGHTER—A BILL IN RELATION TO EXPERT EVIDENCE BEFORE CORONERS—SALTING THE STREETS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, March 2, 1875.

The amount of business transacted in the Legislature to-day was not very great, but it was of some general interest, and in the Assembly, in particular, there was no small amount of amusement and general hilarity indulged in. The beauty of this latter feature, too, is that the most interesting, because the most personal, part of the proceedings grew largely out of the mutual misunderstandings of two Democratic New-York members. The whole time of the House was occupied under general orders with the consideration of bills in Committee of the Whole, and the most ludicrous of the scenes enacted was in the course of the debate on and amendment of the most important measure taken up—the General Appropriation bill for the support of Government. The only amendments made to the bill were the correction of a clerical error by which the salary of the Messenger to the Cours of Appeals is made $800 instead of $600, and the appropriation for the maintenance of the Institution for the Blind at Batavia, which is made $40,000 instead of $35,000.

DEBATE ON THE MILITIA APPROPRIATION.

There was a somewhat extended debate over the appropriation of $375,000 for the expenses of the National Guard, under the provisions of the law of 1870. The discussion was opened by Mr. Washner, of New-York, who said he saw no reason why the expenses of the National Guard this year should be $75,000 greater than last year. He therefore moved to amend making the amount of the appropriation $200,000 instead of $375,000. This brought Mr. Husted, of Westchester, to his feet, who, in his military capacity as Major General commanding the Fifth Division, takes a lively interest in the promotion of the discipline and efficiency of the State's citizen soldiery. He urged that the Adjutant General had given the whole subject great attention, and had expressed the opinion officially that the amount named in the bill would be necessary for the year. Our National Guard were becoming more expensive it was true, and it was only in the ratio of the increase of their efficiency. The State was now called upon to do something in the way of fitting up ranges for target practice, and the question with the militia of to-day was not as to which regiment could march prettiest or dress most showily, but which could shoot best. Mr. Dessar, of New-York, who holds a commission in the Ninety-sixth Regiment, felt himself called upon to express some opinion on the subject. In the course of his remarks he said there had hitherto been great extravagance and waste among regiments with State Quarter-master materials, as he knew, in relation to the items of drums, banners, &c. Gen. Husted said that the State had never furnished banners. Speaker McGuire, who was on the floor, wanted to know if these regiments, after disposing of their banners in these wasteful ways, ever afterward appeared as "terrible as an army with banners." The House laughed, and more heartily when Mr. Dessar seriously wanted the gentleman from Chemung to restate his inquiry. The debate went on, and Mr. Dessar got to a point where he alluded to his connection with the Ninety-sixth. Mr. Stauf, of New-York, son of the Colonel commanding that regiment, was on the other side of the Chamber, and did not catch the full drift of Mr. Dessar's assertions, but he promptly denied that Mr. Dessar belonged to the Ninety-sixth, that any banners had ever been given to his father's regiment, or that they had ever pawned, sold, or destroyed their colors, and closed with the assertion that "the gentleman from New-York was making false statements." Mr. Dessar possesses the mildest kind of pugnacity in his temperament, and from this challenge his combativeness oozed from his lips in an appeal that the words used by Mr. Stauf be taken down, read from the clerk's desk, and that the gentlemen be called to account for unparliamentary language addressed to a member on the floor of the House. The Assembly Chamber echoed with shrieks of laughter, as the members and spectators were convulsed with the curious scene of warfare before them. The two opponents are both rather small physically, possess soft voices, and had collided on a misapprehension. While the House was waiting for the stenographer to furnish a transcript of the offensive words used by Mr. Stauf, the latter gentleman rose to ask Mr. Dessar to explain himself as to what he had actually asserted. Amid the confusion of laughter, Mr. Dessar asked the chairman, Mr. "Tim." Campbell, whether the gentleman desired to apologize, and, without waiting for a reply from any source, announced, amid another peal of laugher, that he accepted Mr. Stauf's apology. Mr. Stauf had not apologized, but the consideration of the bill was resumed. Mr. Dessar subsequently stated to Gen. Husted that he had opposed the appropriation only through misapprehension, and after the adjournment he and Mr. Stauf left the Chamber arm in arm. The bill was finally recommended for passage.

MISCELLANEOUS LEGISLATION.

The only other bills of general importance considered in committee were the act amendatory of the "act relative to the Metropolitan Drawing-room Car Company," Mr. Willard Johnson's "act in relation to railroad corporations," and the act for the protection of the harbor and port of New-York, which prohibits the throwing of ashes and cinders from steamers, and other refuse matter, into the waters of the rivers or bay, and provides punishments for violations of these provisions. The first and last mentioned of these bills were ordered to be engrossed and recommended for passage, and the other bill was recommitted. During the consideration of the Drawing-room Car bill, there was a large amount of wit and humor, and some decidedly boisterous and undignified laughter indulged in.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Daly, of New-York, introduced a bill prohibiting the sprinkling of salt or saltpetre on the streets of New-York City, for the purpose of dissolving snow or ice which has fallen or may have formed on said streets, and providing a penalty for the violation of such provisions of law. The bill is designed for the protection of the health of animals, and is accompanied by a petition soliciting its passage, bearing the signatures of Commodore Vanderbilt, A. T. Stewart, J. J. Astor, William C. Rhinelander, and other eminent citizens.

Mr. McGowan, of New-York, introduced a bill in relation to the powers of Coroners and the liabilities of counties. It provides that Coroners may, upon the written consent or certification of a District Attorney or Judge of a Court of Record, employ such scientific experts, engineers, physicians, toxicologists, or other skilled persons as may be necessary in any inquest proceeding held before such Coroners, in order to ascertain accurately and properly the causes of death of the subjects of such post-mortem inquiry. The bill further provides that such experts, witnesses, or demonstrators shall be paid for their services, and that the counties shall annually raise by tax a sum sufficient for such payments.

BUSINESS IN THE SENATE.

This morning's session of the Senate was very dull, as most of it was occupied in a monotonous calling of the roll upon a number of bills which had been prepared for a third reading. Of those which passed, the more important are an Assembly bill, enabling resident aliens to hold and convey real estate, another bill appointing a law reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court, another providing for the keeping of a more minute system of records of the inmates of poor and alms-houses, another authorizing gas companies to reduce their capital to any amount not less than their respective debts, and another extending the operation of the law of 1848, authorizing the formation of corporations for manufacturing purposes to associations consisting of three or more persons, and organized for the purpose of transporting and dealing in petroleum and other oils.

Only two noticeable bills were introduced. One was offered by Senator Coe, and under the form of a general bill to enable counties to meet deficiencies in the appropriations for the relief of the poor, it is intended to enable the Supervisors of Brooklyn to make good the deficit caused by the action of the Brooklyn Board of Apportionment in cutting down appropriations for charitable purposes by the sum of $200,000. Of the appropriations thus diminished all but a small balance is now expended, and it is estimated that at least $100,000 is needed to defray expenses of the various charitable institutions during the interval between the present time and the 1st of January next, at which date the fiscal year expires. The other of the two bills was introduced by Senator Fox. It provides that the Aldermen of New-York City shall be elected by Assembly districts, and shall hold office for two years, at an annual compensation of $3,000, in return for which sum they are to discharge all the duties of both Supervisors and Aldermen as they now do under existing laws. Another feature of the bill is such a classification of the board that only one-half goes out of office at the same period. The provision that the Aldermen shall receive $3,000 each per annum, instead of $4,000 as Aldermen and $2,000 as Supervisors, as is now the law, is certainly commendable, but it will also be observed that the bill destroys even the limited form of minority representation which results from the present system of election. Senator Fox also introduced a resolution to-day, calling upon the Judiciary Committee to report a bill providing for a general and uniform system of elections in the several towns and cities of the State, as is required by the amended Constitution.

A FLANK MOVEMENT AGAINST CONTROLLER GREEN.

Senator Fox, who, judging from the number and character of the bills introduced by him, seems to aspire to prominence in Municipal legislation, has in charge, and will introduce to-morrow, an act which is both an ill-concealed attack upon the Controller and also an excellent example of the Democratic mania for making every office elective. The principal provision of the bill is that the offices of Chamberlain and Controller shall be abolished, or rather consolidated, and that in place of the officers filling them there shall be elected on a separate ticket, at the general election of 1875, a Controller and Treasurer of New-York City, which officer is to serve at an annual salary of $20,000, and under a penal bond in the sum of $2,000,000. A subordinate feature of the bill is the transferal of the Bureau of Licenses and Markets from the Finance to the Executive Department.

CONTINUED ILLNESS OF SENATOR WOODIN.

A private letter from Senator Woodin was received by one of the Senators to-day, with the intelligence that the writer is not as well as it was expected he would be at this time, and that, though his return to his duties this week was improbable, he thought he might be able to get to Albany long enough to hold one session of the Committee on Cities. The Costigan bill would thus be given a block on its march to defeat, but until then the present policy of masterly inactivity will probably continue.

THE SUPPLY BILL INVESTIGATION—GEN. BATCHELLER IN A PASSION.

ALBANY, March 2.—The committee appointed by the Senate to investigate Senator Wood's connection with the insertion in last year's Supply bill of the item of $10,000, as a salary for the New Capitol Superintendent, held another session this evening and took the testimony of Gen. Batcheller, the Chairman of last year's Conference Committee on the part of the House. The evidence taken elicited no new information, as Gen. Batcheller adhered closely to his previous testimony before the Sub-Judiciary Committee of the Assembly. It is very clear that there is an irreconcilable issue of veracity between the witness and Senator Wood, in which, however, the latter is entitled to the weight of strong corroborative testimony. The fact that Senator Wood made the insertion is not denied, even by himself. On the contrary, he swears that he did it with Batcheller's concurrence as the representative of his committee, and, therefore, by due authority and in his presence. Batcheller, on the contrary, has twice sworn that the subject was not even mentioned in his presence. The scene before the committee this evening was a very stormy one, owing to the storm of passion in which Gen. Batcheller indulged. He repeatedly refused to answer questions addressed to him by Senator Wood; once or twice he disobeyed the call to order of the chairman of the committee, and finally broke up the meeting by leaving the room abruptly.

CONNECTICUT POLITICS.

MR. BARNUM RENOMINATED FOR CONGRESS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT—OTHER CONVENTIONS—A PECULIAR LETTER FROM JUDGE PHELPS, THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 2.—Mr. Barnum was renominated for Congress in the Fourth District to-day, though not with the same unanimity that has characterized the previous conventions, as out of 108 votes there were forty-six against him, all from Fairfield County. The convention did a neat thing in unconsciously recognizing Mr. Barnum's almost uniform absence from his seat, by recommending the name of Barnum for a Representative in Congress.

Judge Phelps, of the Supreme Court, has written a letter accepting the Democratic Congressional nomination in the Second District, and considering the fact that he has been an aspirant for the nomination for eight years, his language is remarkable, as he says that he had not sought the nomination, but on the contrary, desired and expected that some one else would get it. He says he shall hold to his seat on the bench, and continue in the uninterrupted discharge of the duties which he owes to the State. The letter will provoke harsh criticism.

The Republican Congressional Convention for the Second District meets in New-Haven to-morrow, and Gen. Kellogg will be re-nominated by acclamation. The Democratic Convention for the First District will meet in this city to-morrow, and George M. Lander of New-Britain, will be nominated.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, March 3—1 A. M.—The Louisiana depression has progressed slightly north-eastward, and with north-east to north-west winds, cloudy weather, and occasional rain in the Gulf States and a norther on the Texas coast.

Southerly and easterly winds, falling barometer, warmer, cloudy weather, and rain prevail in the South Atlantic States.

North-easterly winds, falling barometer, and cloudy weather in Tennessee and the Ohio Valley.

Rising barometer, north-east to north-west winds, and stationary temperature on the lakes, with falling barometer, north-east to south-east winds and partly cloudy weather in the North-west.

High pressure, north-easterly, winds and nearly stationary temperature in the Middle and Eastern States, with increasing cloudiness on the coast.

The rivers have risen slightly at St. Louis, Morgantown, Paducah, and Louisville, and decidedly at Memphis and Pittsburg.

PROBABILITIES.

For the North-west, and thence to Missouri, falling barometer, north-east to south-east winds, warmer and increasingly cloudy weather, with occasional rain or snow.

For the lakes, high but decreasing pressure, north-easterly winds, warmer, and cloudy weather. For the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, falling barometer, north-east to north-west winds, warmer and cloudy weather, with rain or snow.

For the Gulf States increasing pressure, north-westerly winds, colder cloudy weather and rain, clearing in the Western Gulf in the forenoon.

For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer, warm, cloudy, and rainy weather, with southerly winds backing to westerly.

For the Middle States and New-England, stationary pressure and temperature, north-easterly winds, cloudy weather, and rain or snow along the sea-board.

The rivers will rise at and below Memphis and Pittsburg, and below Morgantown and Cincinnati. Cautionary signals are ordered at New-Orleans, Cape Hatteras, Kittyhank, Norfolk, Cape Henry, Cape May, Peck's Beach, Atlantic City, and Barnegat.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The town of Johnston yesterday gave a small majority against annexation to the City of Providence, R. I.

E. M. Hutchinson, a wealthy citizen of Waltham, Mass., committed suicide by cutting his throat yesterday.

The Arkansas House of Representatives yesterday passed an act appropriating $5,000 for the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia next year.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Central New-York which met at Syracuse yesterday declined to sign the papers of Dr. De Koven or Dr. Jagger.

Lawrence Brown, alias Billy Smith, a hotel thief, who escaped from Sing Sing last January, after having served eighteen months of a five years' sentence, was captured in Washington yesterday, and will be brought on to New-York.

Adjt. Gen. Lorenzo Thomas died in Washington yesterday, in the seventy-second year of his age. Gen. Thomas, who was the father of Lieut. Thomas, killed in the Modoc war, was Secretary of War during the Administration of President Johnson.

W. M. Hamilton, of the California State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, organized a Delaware State Grange yesterday morning. John J. Ross, of Milford, is Master. Fifteen subordinate granges participated. Delaware has heretofore been attached to the Maryland State Grange.

A western-bound passenger train on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad was on Monday night thrown from the track near Lawrenceburg by a broken axle. A tramp, who was stealing a ride on the forward end

BREACH OF PROMISE.

A REMARKABLE CASE BEFORE THE COURTS.

JOHN BUTE HOLMES SUED FOR $50,000 DAMAGES—THE STORY OF HIS OFFENSE—THE LIST OF HIS WIVES—ONCE CONVICTED OF PERJURY, AND AGAIN OF MANSLAUGHTER—HIS WEALTH A GREAT HELP TO HIM.

To-day, in the Marine Court, will begin the trial of one of the most extraordinary breach-of-promise suits on record. The damages are laid at the modest amount of $50,000. The fair complainant, Miss May Chamberlayne, was sixteen years old on Sunday last, yet she is five feet eight inches in height, and a fully-developed woman. Notwithstanding her extraordinary stature, she is very prepossessing, having regular features, a beautifully-modeled figure, abundant hair of a chestnut hue, and large hazel eyes. She is a niece of Hon. J. S. T. Stranahan, President of the Brooklyn Park Commission, who is actively engaged in rendering her counsel and assistance in the case. The defendant is Mr. John Bute Holmes, a well-known civil engineer, with an office at No. 39 Nassau street, and reputed to be worth from $100,000 to $500,000 in real and personal property. He is about sixty years of age, and the father of several children, but is still as hale and hearty as a man ten years his junior. The attorneys for Miss Chamberlayne are Messrs. Spellissey, Gibbons, & MacInerney, of No. 132 Nassau street. The story contained in their briefs is as follows: Miss Chamberlayne's mother, Mrs. Mary Augusta Bacon, is a native of Mount Upton, Chenango County, N. Y. She married a lawyer of that place named George W. Chamberlayne, who died, leaving her comparatively destitute, with three infant daughters on her hands. A year after his death a man named Williams, representing himself as a New-York wholesale liquor-dealer of large wealth, visited Mount Upton. He fell in love with the widow, and induced her to marry him by promises of a life of luxury and ease. He brought her to this City, when she found that she had been grossly deceived. Not only were all his representations false, but he was absolutely without means of support. Mrs. Williams endeavored to make the best of her bargain for the sake of her little ones. At first she was in a quandary as to what to turn her hand to. She had received a good education, but having been reared in absolute idleness she was incapacitated for most kinds of work. Finally she became a canvasser for prints and chromos, and among other places at which she was in the habit of calling was Mr. Holmes' office. He was one of her best customers. She visited his office on one occasion accompanied by her daughter May, then a child of eleven. Mr. Holmes went into ecstacies over the pretty little girl, bought her candies, and said to her mother, "Keep her for me until she grows up, and I will marry her."

About this time, unable to endure the wretchedness of her home any longer, Mrs. Williams returned to Mount Upton with her children, and took up her residence with her mother, who possessed a comfortable competence. Here "May's rich New-York beau" was a standing joke in the little home circle. Two years later old Mrs. Bacon died, leaving a portion of her estate to her daughter, on condition that the latter assumed her maiden name, and promised never to communicate with her second husband again. Both conditions were thankfully accepted. As time wore on Mrs. Bacon's daughters began to outgrow the capacities of the village school, and two of them were provided for at a more advanced institution. The increased draft this involved upon their mother's resources, left no alternative in the case of May, but that Mrs. Bacon should come down to New-York and accept an offer that had been made to her to place her third daughter in the Convent of St. Agnes, in the upper part of the City, at a greatly reduced rate. It also compelled her to resume her old business of canvassing for prints and chromos. One day she called upon her old patron, Holmes. He was delighted to see her, and anxiously inquired after his little wife May. Mrs. Bacon laughingly asked whether he had not forgotten that nonsense yet, but he assured her that it was not nonsense. He was a physiognomist, he said, and could tell by the child's features that she would develop into a good and true-hearted woman. Mrs. Bacon told him where her daughter was, and spoke very freely to him as to an old friend in regard to her condition and prospects. Before she left he had extorted from her a promise to bring May with her on the occasion of her next visit. When Holmes saw her he was greatly astonished at the change that had taken place in her since he saw her as a child. He immediately professed violent love for her, and urged a speedy marriage. Both mother and daughter were taken aback by such violent wooing, and they demurred at the prospect opened to them; but the daughter by a man of Holmes' experience and position had its effect upon Mrs. Bacon, and after consideration she gave her consent, and May's followed as a matter of course. They both supposed him to be a widower. But Holmes suddenly grew cool on the question of hastening the nuptials. He gave as a reason that he had been living with a woman as his mistress, and as she was possessed of evidence that would be useful to him in several lawsuits which he had then on hand, he did not wish to cast off with her just then. This brazen avowal shocked Miss Chamberlayne, and she refused to continue the engagement. Her more worldly-wise mother believing, she says, that Holmes was really sincere in his expressions of love, pleaded his cause, and one day Miss May was induced to accompany her on a visit to Holmes' residence at Eanwood, N. J., and his two adjacent quarries. The evidences of vast wealth which she saw there had their effect, and afreconciliation took place. The day following this visit Miss Chamberlayne called at Holmes' office as the stenographer, in company with Mrs. Maddox, the lady with whom she was boarding. Holmes placed a plain gold ring on the young girl's finger, saying to Mrs. Maddox, "I call you to witness that I make May my wife, so that in the event of my death she shall be entitled to claim one-third of my property." He then informed Miss Chamberlayne that they were legally married, and said that he would call upon her in the evening. When the young girl arrived at home she told her mother what had taken place, and soon afterward the following letter arrived in Mr. Holmes' handwriting:

OCT. 13, 1874.

MY DEAR WIFE: I will be with you this evening at 5 P. M. Yours, for ever,

JOHN.

It was addressed, "Mrs. J. B. Holmes, No. 294 West Houston street." Mrs. Bacon was alarmed. When Mr. Holmes rang the bell she met him at the door, and asked him what he meant by calling May his wife. He said that she had been legally married to him. Mrs. Bacon retorted that she did not look upon what had taken place as a marriage; that, in her opinion, a formal ceremony before an authorized person was indispensable to give a proper solemnization and sanction to so important act. Holmes answered that his mistress was in the way of a public marriage, and that he could not acknowledge Miss May as his wife to the world before six months without great pecuniary injury. Mrs. Bacon was indignant, and threatened that if the honor of her daughter had been compromised by her relations with Holmes, she offered him her solemn assurance, in whatever terms he saw fit to demand, that the marriage should be kept a secret for six months, on condition that the ceremony should be performed at once. Holmes flatly refused to accede to this proposition, and, changing his tone, impudently demanded immediate cohabitation. Of course he received a firm refusal. He contrived, however, to see Miss May alone, and got back from her the ring he had given her. He wanted the letter also, but Mrs. Bacon had that, otherwise Miss May would have given it to him too. He then left the house and has since refused to recognize his engagement with Miss Chamberlayne. On the day following the events just narrated a bottle of laudanum was found concealed in the girl's dress. She was so overcome by shame and disappointment that she had intended to poison herself. She fell ill, as did also her mother, and both remained so a long time. As soon as they recovered they placed their case in the hands of Messrs. Spellissey, Gibbons & MacInerney, and Judge Joachimsen granted an order for Holmes' arrest, placing his bail at $25,000. Holmes kept out of the way until he had succeeded in having the amount of bail reduced, first to $5,000 and then to $3,000, on the ground of exorbitancy. He then presented himself to Sheriff Conner with two sureties, both of whom refused to qualify. The Sheriff then took upon himself the responsibility for Holmes' appearance for trial, and he was released.

Subsequently Holmes attempted to have the order vacated, on an affidavit of Mrs. Maddox, in which she upon the character of the complainant were deftly insinuated; but before the day for the hearing Mrs. Maddox called upon Miss Chamberlayne's attornies and voluntarily swore to another affidavit to the effect that she was not aware of the character of the first one when she signed it, and expressing in terms of the highest praise of both mother and daughter. It seems that Holmes had promised to marry the daughter of the boarding-house mistress, and did as he pleased with her until she discovered that he was already a married man.

Since the commencement of the present action Miss Chamberlayne's counsel have been collecting incidents of Mr. John Bute Holmes' past history. The records of the Court of General Sessions show that on Dec. 21, 1857, he was convicted in that court of forgery, and sentenced to fifteen and a half years at hard labor in Sing Sing. The forgery consisted in bringing his mistress before a notary, and inducing her to affix the signature of his then reputed wife, a lady whose maiden name was Emma Le Duc, to a deed of land which he sold to Mr. James F. Nagle. Mrs. Le Duc's testimony convicted him. After serving five years Mr. Bleecker and other prominent citizens interceded in his behalf, and the Governor pardoned him. It is a curious fact, that the woman who went on the stand and sent him to State Prison could not have been his wife, because there is at present living in Brooklyn a venerable lady who has proof to show that she was married to Holmes on March 25, 1838, in the Presbyterian Church at Cork, Ireland, by Rev. Dr. Sloan. This lady's maiden name was Anna Maria Clare. They came to America in 1840 and went to Oswego, a daughter having meantime been born to them who is now a middle aged lady, of repute in musical circles in the City of Churches, and the sole support of her mother. Another child was born at Oswego, who has since died. They came to New-York City in 1844, and here a third daughter was born, who also died. In the same year the Holmes family went back to Ireland, returning to America in 1848. In London Holmes met a woman known as Belle Hadigan, who afterward came to this country and renewed her acquaintance with him. From that time Mrs. Holmes' troubles are dated. A separation took place finally, and Holmes married Miss Hadigan, who subsequently got a divorce from him. He afterward married Miss La Duc, of whose fate nothing is known. The real Mrs. Holmes, in addition to her marriage certificate, has numerous papers corroborative of her story. One is a summons in a foreclosure suit, dated as far down as 1856, the title of the defendants being "John Bute Holmes and Anna Maria, his wife."

The records of the Court of General Sessions are burdened in another place with the history of the trial and conviction of John Bute Holmes. This time the charge was murder. Holmes had become intimate during the rebellion with the wife of a Brooklyn policeman named David Gourly. The two men met on Greenwich street, near the Battery, at a very early hour one morning, and an altercation ensued, at the end of which Gourly lay dead, pierced by a pistol-bullet discharged by his wife's paramour. The crime caused much excitement at the time, on account of the aggravated character of its surroundings. Holmes was arrested and placed on trial in the General Sessions. His plea was self-defense. The verdict of the jury was manslaughter in the fourth degree. Holmes' counsel appealed to the Supreme Court, and pending the decision the prisoner was admitted to bail. He immediately fled the country, but was subsequently rearrested and sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary, which term he served.

Numerous other stories of bold misdeeds on the part of Holmes have been told to Miss Chamberlayne's lawyers, which, if true, show his life to have been one of reckless disregard not only of law, but of decency, and only his great wealth could thus far have saved him from their consequences. About six weeks ago a young woman of evident refinement, called upon Messrs. Spellissey, Gibbons & MacInerney and wished them to prosecute Holmes under the following circumstances: Shortly before, Holmes, who had got rid of the mistress whose testimony was so valuable, advertised for a housekeeper to take care of his children. The advantages of a good home were offered. Miss Abrams, the young woman in question, answered it, and made an appointment with Holmes to go out to Fanwood on the Saturday before Christmas. She was five minutes late, and Holmes went on without her, but she took the next train, and hired a hack to his place, which is two miles from the depot. He was very angry at having to pay for the hack, and stormed around furiously for awhile. The other servants seemed to be in great dread of him. That night when Miss Abrams went up to her room she discovered that there was no lock on the door. She barricaded it as best she could, but Holmes forced his way in twice on different pretexts. The resistance he met with angered him, and he took the unfortunate woman by the shoulder and carried her out into the snow with such violence that she fell all the way down a flight of stone steps. The other servants let her into the house by the back way and gave her shelter for the night unknown to their master. Next morning she fled, taking with her a young girl of fifteen, who declared that Holmes had forcibly ruined her. Arrived at the village of Fanwood, Miss Abrams went to the local Magistrate and made a complaint. A constable was sent to the depot to arrest Holmes, but the latter succeeded in eluding him. The lawyers advised Miss Abrams to let the matter drop. They told her that the small damages she might obtain would not counterbalance the notoriety a suit would entail. She said that she was a native of Canada, and that her brother is now a member of the Montreal Bar. She showed documents proving that she was a graduate of the Normal School of that city, and exhibited letters she had received from distinguished persons in both hemispheres, notably one from Spurgeon, the great English divine. Subsequently Miss Abrams secured a situation as teacher on a Staten Island, but the indignities she had suffered so preyed upon her mind that she was found wandering in the streets about a month ago a confirmed lunatic. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where she died in a few days. When Messrs. Spellissey, Gibbons & MacInerney were notified of her death they asked to be subpœnaed as witnesses on the inquest, but that is the last they heard about it. No inquest was held, and Miss Abrams' body was either given up for dissection, or cast, without inquiry, into a pauper grave in Potter's Field.

THE CHURCH INQUEST CONTINUED.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNER OF THE STORE BUILDING—TESTIMONY OF FIREMEN AND OTHERS—THE WORK ON THE BUILDING.

There was a greater crowd yesterday in the Coroner's office at the inquest on the bodies of "McCarthy and others," than on Monday, but the additional persons were witnesses. Among them were four women who were present in the church. The Coroner has subpœnaed everybody who had any connection with the building, so far as he has been able to learn, whether builders, masons, carpenters, or workmen, and at the rate at which the work is now progressing, a week or more will be consumed before the verdict can be rendered. The prominent feature of the inquest yesterday was the testimony of Mr. Shaw, the owner.

The first witness was John Donohue, of No. 15 City Hall place. He testified: I was present in St. Andrew's Church at the time of the accident; I was sitting in the east gallery with some friends, when all of a sudden the crash came, and a number of persons were buried under the falling mass of bricks, timber, &c.; I knew Michael McCarthy, the deceased; he was also sitting in the east gallery at the time of the accident; I lost sight of him after the crash came, as the bricks and rubbish covered me; after the crash I saw three ladies lying under the débris, and I helped to extricate them; the firemen came very quickly and took a number of persons from the gallery by means of ladders; at the time of the fire I saw a crack in the wall of Shaw's building next the church; I feared the wall would fall; I saw smoke coming through the cracks during the fire.

James Lanigan, of No. 31 Park street, testified that he was in the east gallery at the time of the accident; he saw McCarthy at the station-house afterward; the gallery was cleared in five minutes; he also testified to the crash in the wall due to the smoke emerging from it at the time of the fire.

Lydin Gillon, of No. 27 Park street, testified: I was sitting in the east gallery at the time of the accident; Michael McCarthy was sitting near me, but in another pew; when the roof was broken in I was buried under the bricks and mortar; I do not know how I got out, but when I was found I was taken out from the crowd at the foot of the stairs; my face was bruised by the falling bricks.

Sarah Keddigan, of No. 29 Duane street, testified that she was in the church; she heard the noise and felt a blow on the back of her head; while trying to get out she was struck on the back with bricks; was borne by the crowd to the door and taken home by her father; on the stairway she saw people walking one over another. Saw no dead bodies.

James M. Shaw, of No. 130 East Sixteenth street, the owner of the ruined building, testified: The building took fire about 7 A. M. on Jan. 12. The first news I had of it was by telegraph from a neighbor. I went immediately to the spot and found the rear of the building on fire. The walls were in a standing entire. I noticed the wall was cracked on the side toward St. Andrew's Church, in the sixth story of the building, between the sixth floor and the roof. I think there were three cracks, but neither of them extended below the windows. The other walls were good. The building was gutted, but I apprehended no particular danger. Immediately after the fire, I put Mr. Snook I charge of the repairs, telling him to do what was necessary.

A notice dated Jan. 13, of the unsafe condition of the walls, from the Department of Buildings, was then read, and Mr. Shaw resumed this testimony: Mr. Snook inspected the building and employed Brown Adams to shore up the walls; I had employed Mr. Snook before I received the notice from the department; I was assured by competent persons that the building was safe; he was at first in the hands of the insurance men, up to Jan. 26; Mr. Driggs, the President of the Williamsburg City Company, was first in charge, and there was a committee afterward; I talked with the insurance people about adjusting the losses on Jan. 22; I was anxious to have the repairing left in my hands, and it was so left; the only steps I took before adjusting the insurances were to render the property secure; I sent a bill of Brown & Adams for repairing to the insurance people and they paid it; it was for $231 50, dated Jan. 25; this was work done for temporary security; I was told that their work had removed all immediate danger. I never limited them as to expense. The building was erected in 1861. Mr. Titus, who applied for the job of rebuilding in the first part of February, said that the wall was insecure. I was talking with him on a day when the wind blew heavily, and I told him that I thought it the wall would stand a gale like that, it would stand anything. I had no fear of the wall falling, and was inside the building every day with my son.

A juror asked if Mr. Shaw would have slept securely if his dwelling-house had been next door to the building. Mr. Shaw said that if he were at sea he would not sleep so soundly during a heavy squall as in fair weather.

John White, a fireman, testified that he went to the church with his engine, (No. 12.) He corroborated the stories already told of the operations of the firemen inside the church.

Frank Burke, Foreman of Engine Company No. 7, testified that he went to the church. He entered through the basement. Saw several persons cut and bruised, and calling for help.

Hugh Bonner, Chief of the Second Fire Battalion, testified that he went to the church two minutes after the calamity. He entered through the centre door with great difficulty, on account of the crowd. The congregation was in a terrible state of excitement and confusion. Saw two dead bodies, those of a woman and a little boy, at the foot of the stairs, and a great number of persons piled over them. Another woman seemed to be dying, but Witness was not certain whether she was dead. By his orders Foreman Riley tore away the railing from the stairs, and thus relieved the pressure by letting the people out, and saved many lives. He then forced the crowd back, and had ladders put to the gallery. Found McCarthy completely covered with the debris. Saw a number of others badly hurt, and assisted them all he could. The inquest was then adjourned to this morning.

The work on the building is continued slowly. Mr. Snook says he would, if he could, have the upper part of the walls all down by to-night, but he will give no opinion as to the probable time of the completion of the work. He says the Coroner has ordered the demolition of the entire walls, but when the three upper stories have been torn down, he will submit the question whether the remainder may not be allowed to stand.

THE RAPID-TRANSIT DISCUSSION.

VIEWS OF MR. CHARLES O'CONOR—HE FAVORS ELEVATED RAILWAYS AND TUNNELS INSTEAD OF BRIDGES—LETTER TO THE ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE—PRIVATE CAPITAL, NOT THE PUBLIC PURSE, SHOULD BUILD THE ROAD.

A TIMES reporter called upon Mr. Charles O'Conor yesterday to ascertain his views in relation to rapid transit. Mr. O'Conor takes a deep interest in the subject, and has given it much consideration from a point of view wholly independent of the interests of private corporations or the schemes of any particular party or class, and entered freely into conversation on the subject. He said there could be no doubt that rapid transit was the great need of New-York, not alone for the benefit of the trading classes, but also for our artisans and the toiling masses. It was a well-established fact, he said, that if the healthiest family that could be selected in the rural districts were to be transferred to one of the populous cities in Europe, in the course of two or three generations it would become extinct, owing to the unhealthy condition of those great centres of population. In other words, it had been fully demonstrated that large cities were, in a certain sense, to be regarded as vast slaughter-houses. In our American cities this condition of things, he believed, could be effectually remedied by a judicious system of rapid transit, diverging to all points within a distance of ten or fifteen miles. By this means not only merchants and professional men could live in the rural districts, but even the laboring classes could rear up their families where they could have plenty of fresh air, instead of being suffocated in the crowded tenement-houses of the City. As a means of attaining this end, he regards the system of elevated railroads as the most efficient and practicable, and considers that instead of constructing such bridges as that now in course of erection over the East River between New-York and Brooklyn, that a system of tunneling should be adopted as better suited to such rivers as the Hudson. He does not think bridges should be used except for short spans.

When asked if he considered the amendments to the Constitution of this State as adopted last year prohibited the building of a rapid-transit railroad by the City, he said he had fully expressed his views on that question in a letter recently addressed to Mr. Purroy, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, in reply to his inquiries on this subject. At the request of the reporter, Mr. O'Conor gave the letter for publication in THE TIMES, which is as follows:

FORT WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 1875.

Henry D. Purroy, Esq., Chairman of the Aldermen's Committee on Rapid Transit:

SIR: I have just received your letter inquiring whether, in my opinion, the recently adopted Constitutional Amendments prohibit the construction of a Rapid Transit Railroad as a public work at the City's expense.

Railroads are of great general utility; but this is true of steam-ship and sailing packet lines. So are other like things which are usually conducted in the form of private enterprise by individuals or trading associations. Milk-dairies in the vicinity are not only of general utility to great cities, but, including the organization for prompt and early delivery, they may fairly, like ferries, &c., be regarded as absolutely necessary. It is certain, however, that the individuals who need these accommodations are in all instances both willing and able to pay for them prices fully adequate to defray the cost of establishing and conducting them. The necessity of a large outlay in the beginning presents no obstacle, especially at a great centre of wealth and population like New-York. Capital abounds at such points and is ever ready and indeed eager for employment. Consequently any thing of this sort which is really needed will surely induce intelligent capitalists to invest and, in due time, will amply reward the adventure. Whether or not it will thus pay the undertakers must always be considered the test of its asserted necessity.

The great political evil of the times is the tendency in governmental agencies to assume the conduct of affairs properly belonging to the sphere of private or individual enterprise.

Rapid transit is evidently one of these, and, therefore, from strong and deep-seated, convictions, I am opposed to any governmental assistance thereto, except by the establishment of judiciously devised enactments facilitating it as a business and approximating as closely as may be found practicable to the policy of the general railroad law. If this Amendment do not prohibit the measure to which you allude, I must regret it. They ought to have been so framed as to prevent, if possible, such monstrous legislation by office-holders upon the domain of individual employment as have not looked at them since receiving your letter, nor have I ever considered this precise point. Consequently I cannot give an intelligent opinion. It is certain that a policy adverse to such evil practices pervades the Amendments, and my views of citizen-duty in the premises incline me to defer a scrutiny of the language employed and bearing on this particular point, until some other jurist shall see reason to conclude that it fails to express with adequate clearness an effective prohibition.

Rapid transit is much to be desired. There may be room for great improvement in mechanical details, but the essential features of a perfect system are fully developed in the Greenwich Street Elevated Railway. The design seems perfect, and doubtless it is destined to work a great change in the economy of City life. A central point for transactions, whether of business or pleasure, with cheap, safe, commodious, speedy transportation on lines radiating thence to spacious and healthy abodes for all classes, is the picture my imagination has drawn of the future City. The elevated Railway for persons and light freight is a moderate and easily controllable motive power, presents the means not conceived in former times, but now at last before us, by which to realize this benign arrangement. I am impressed with so deep a sense of its promised blessings, that I would do anything to promote it which was honest and lawful. But I cannot think that, in the present unsettled and generally deteriorating condition of the official corps, it would be justifiable to encourage a participation by Government in the trade or business of carrying passengers.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

CHARLES O'CONOR.

THE EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS.

The Commissioners of Emigration held a stated meeting yesterday afternoon, present Commissioners Forrest, Lynch, Starr, Schack, Maujer, Quintard, and Stephenson. In the minutes of a recent meeting of the Finance Committee it appeared that bills to the amount of $16,805 13 had been audited and approved. It was also voted to pay the salaries of the commission's employes half in cash and the other half in certificates of indebtedness. Mr. Lynch, of the Special Committee to present a memorial to the Legislature praying for assistance, stated that the memorial had been duly presented.

A discussion followed on the propriety of making the memorial public, and the minutes appointing the committee were read. Mr. Stephenson insisted that it was a matter for the board to decide, while Mr. Lynch took the ground that the committee had everything to do with it. Finally Mr. Lynch moved that the committee be requested to make a report at the next meeting, which was carried. President Forrest said that for the past seven years it had been customary to put the representatives of the Irish and German Emigrant Societies on all the standing committees. Last year, for some reason, this custom was not followed, but he had renewed it in making up the list for next year.

The Secretary then read the following list of committees: Castle Garden Committee—Messrs. Hurlburt, Schack, Lynch, Starr, and Mayor Wickham. Ward's Island Committee—Messrs. Quintard, Lynch, Schack, Stephenson, and Maujer. Finance Committee—Messrs. Maujer, Hurlburt, Schack, Lynch, and Wickham.

POLICE MATTERS.

The Board of Police held a short session yesterday. An application of ex-Patrolman Cannon, of the Fifteenth Precinct, who was dismissed some time ago under a misapprehension, asking for reinstatement, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline. Police Surgeon Walker reported that Patrolman Jasper G. Terry, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, who had both legs broken on Pier No. 50 North River some months ago, had had his right leg amputated, and was thereby rendered useless to the department. The doctor recommended that the disabled patrolman be placed on the retired list. The matter was referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline. The proposition of James Crosby to take two boat-loads of ashes and street-sweepings each day and discharge the same at his own cost was accepted, and the Inspector of Street-cleaning was directed to furnish the material until the further order of the board. William B. Sandford and Daniel McAuliffe were appointed foremen of street-cleaning. William B. Deeves, Henry Wayland, Michael Smith, Jacob Brunner, Peter P. Lamb, and William Swain were appointed patrolmen, and the board adjourned until Friday next.

ANTI-MONOPOLY CONVENTION.

HARRISBURG, Penn., March 2.—Delegates were present from Schuylkill, Luzerne, Carbon, Northumberland, Columbia, Allegheny, Tioga, Philadelphia, Blair, and Dauphin Counties, numbering about one hundred and thirty. H. J. Rhodes, of Pottsville, was chosen temporary President. John T. Welch, who was elected permanent President, was directed to appoint committees. The convention then adjourned to meet this afternoon.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 2.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

$5,000 N. W. Consol.		79⅜	1100 Ohio & Miss.		25⅜
Coup. G. Bs.		79⅜	600 do.		25⅝
400 Western Union		75¼	300 do.		25⅞
3700 do.		75¼	700 do.		26
1000 do.	s3.	74⅞	100 Erie Railway		27¼
500 do.		75	100 do.		27¼
10 do.		75¼	600 do.		27⅜
500 do.	b3.	75⅜	200 do.		27½
2100 do.	s3.	75	1000 Union Pacific		42
800 do.	c.	75	1000 do.		42⅛
700 do.	e.	75⅛	3800 do.		42¼
1500 do.		75¼	800 do.		42⅜
2600 do.		75¼	2400 do.	b3.	42⅝
1300 do.	b3.	75¼	1600 do.		42⅝
700 do.	s3.	75⅜	100 do.	e.	42⅜
100 do.	e.	75⅜	900 do.		42½
400 do.		75	1200 North-western		40⅜
1300 Lake Shore R		73⅜	200 do.		40⅞
27.0 do.	e.	73⅞	300 do.		41
900 do.	s3.	73⅝	400 do.		40¾
600 do.		73⅞	700 do.		40⅝
100 do.	e.	73⅞	200 do.	s3.	40½
300 do.		73⅞	200 do.		40⅝
2500 Pacific Mail		38½	200 do.		40⅞
2100 do.		38¼	300 do.		41
500 do.		38⅜	400 do.		41⅛
1300 do.		38	100 do.		41
600 do.		37⅞	200 North-west. Pref		53½
1500 do.		38	200 do.		53⅝
1900 do.		38⅛	300 Rock Island		103¾
400 do.		38¼	100 St. Paul R		34
2900 do.		38⅜	200 do.		33⅞
4000 do.	b3.	38⅝	100 do.		34
1500 do.		38½	1300 do.		34⅛
300 do.	s3.	38½	100 do.		34⅜
1100 do.		38⅝	100 do.		34⅝
1200 do.		38⅞	100 St. Paul Pref.		52⅞
900 do.		38⅞	100 Han. & St. Jo.		21½
500 do.		39	400 Tol. & Wabash		12⅛
1700 do.		39⅛	100 do.		12¾
200 do.		39¼	200 do.	c.	12⅞
700 do.		39⅜	600 do.		12⅜
1100 do.		39½	100 do.		12⅜
1100 do.		39⅝	400 do.		12½
9200 do.		39⅞	200 Atl. & Pac. Pf	b3.	13
1100 do.		39⅞	200 do.		13
100 Pac. R. of Mo.	b3	45			

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$50,000 U.S. 6s,'81,R	119	$2,000U.S.5-20 C.,'65,	
3,000 do., b. c.	119	new	120.118⅝
10,000 U. S. 6s, '81,		20,000 U. S. 5-20 R.,	
C.	120.119⅞	'67	120.119⅛
1,000U.S.5-20 C.,'62,		$0,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40	
Coll. Bs.	120.116⅝	R	b. c.113¾
5,000 U. S. 5-20 R.,		6,000 U. S. 5-20 C.,	
'64	120.117⅞	'67	120.119⅜
10,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40		500 do.	small.119
C.	120.114	10,000 U. S. 6s, Cur.	118⅞
13 000 do.	113⅞	10,000 do.	b. c.119
3,000 U. S. 5s,'81, C.	114⅞		

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$11,000 C., B & Q. Con.		103¼	2300 L. S. & M. S. b. c.		73⅜
2,000 C. & O. 1st C.		43½	300 do.	b3.	73⅜
4,000 M. & St. P. 8s 1st		105	300 do.	s3.	73⅜
1,000 M. & St. P. 1st, L.		84⅜	1000 do.		73⅜
C. Div.			100 do.	b3.	73⅜
10,000 M. & St. P., C. &			1300 do.		73⅞
M. Div.		80	300 do.		74⅛
1,000 La. & Mo. 1st.		91	3755 do.		74
1,000 do.		90½	23 C. & P. G'd. b. c.		90⅞
7,000 do.		88⅜	65 do.		91
30,000 C. & N. W. Con.			31 Ill. Central. b. c.		101
C. G. 8s.		80	500 Chi. & N. W. b. c.		40⅞
16,000 do.		79⅞	100 do.	c.	42⅛
48,000 do.	b3.	80	500 do.		40¾
4,000 C. & R. I. & P. 7s,			1000 do.		40⅝
b. c.		107¼	200 do.		40⅜
1,000 H. & St. J. 8s, C'v.		81⅛	200 do.		40⅜
2,000 L. S. 1st C. R.		101¼	100 do.		41
1,000 Mil. & St. P. 1st,		104	100 do.		41
1000 Erie Railway		27⅛	100 do.		41⅛
200 do.		27⅜	200 do.		41⅜

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$5,000 Del. & H. R. '91		107⅜	100 Erie Railway		27¼
7,000 N. W. Con. C.		40	400 do.	b3.	27⅜
Gold bds.	b3.	80	100 Lake Shore	b4.	74
11,000 Un. Pac. S. F.		86¾	600 do.		73⅞
500 Western Union		75¼	3400 do.		73⅞
1800 do.		75⅛	200 do.		73⅞
300 do.		75⅛	200 do.	b3.	74
500 do.	b3.	75⅜	200 do.	s3.	73⅞
100 do.	s3.	75¼	200 North-west. Pref.		54⅛
700 Pacific Mail	s3.	39⅛	600 Union Pacific	s3.	42⅛
1400 do.		39⅜	200 do.		42⅜
1300 do.		39¼	400 do.		42⅝
600 do.		39⅛	300 St. Paul R.		34⅜
1100 do.		39⅛	100 do.		34⅝
1500 do.		39¼	100 St. Paul Pref.	s3.	53⅛
100 do.	b3.	39⅜	100 Tol. & Wab. R.		12⅜
1100 Erie R'way Pf. b. c.		42¾	400 do.		12⅜
300 L. S. & M. So. b. c.		73⅞	800 do.	s3.	12⅜
1100 do.		73⅜	700 do.		12⅜
100 do.		73⅜	100 Han. & St. Joseph		21⅛
100 do.		73⅜	100 do.	b. c.	21⅜
1100 do.	s3.	73⅜	200 do.		21¼
200 Un. Pac. b. c.	s3.	42⅜	100 do.		21⅜
800 do.		42⅜	300 do.	s3.	21⅜
1500 do.		42¼	50 A. & T. H. Pf. b. c.		26⅛
20 N. J. Central		109⅛	50 C., C. & I. C. b. c.		6⅛
100 do.	b. c.	109¼	100 do.		6¼
200 Chi. & R. I.	b. c.	103⅜	200 do.		6
100		103⅜			

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$13,000 Un. Pac. 1st.		95¼	100 Tol. & Wab.	b3.	12
10,000 Un. Pac. S. F.		86⅜	200 do.		12¼
6,000 C. C. & I. C. 1st		59	300 do.		12¾
1000 Erie Railway		27⅛	100 do.	b3.	12⅜
100 do.		27¼	100 do.		12⅜
200 do.	b3.	27⅛	100 St. Paul Pf.		53

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2 P. M.

$5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62	b. c.116⅜	$11,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	119½
5,000 U.S.5-20C.,'62	116⅞		

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$2,000 M. & St. P 7-10 Con.		87⅜	25 C. & P. G'd b. c.		91
8,000 Tol. Pac. 1st. b. c.		94	100 T. W. & W'n. b. c.		12¼
5,000 U. Pac. 7s. L. G.		96½	800 do.		12⅜
1,000 U. Pac. S. F.		87	800 do.	s3.	12
6,000 do.		86⅞	800 do.		11⅞
1,000 C. & I. C. 1st.		60	800 C. & North-w'n. b. c.		42⅜
2,000 C., C. & I. C. 1st.		60	500 do.		42⅜
1,000 do.		59	200 do.	c.	42⅜
1,000 Tol. & Wab. 2d.		52	100 do.		42⅜
10,000 O. & M. Con. S. F.		83⅜	100 do.		42⅜
3,000 O. & M. 2d.		81½	700 do.		42⅜
500 C. & O. 1st C.		40½	1000 do.		42⅜
10,000 N. Y. Lake Erie & W. 2d Mtg.		70⅜	400 do.		42⅜
5 Am. Exch'ge Bk.		117½	100 do.	s15.	42
200 W. Un. Tel.	b. c.	75⅜	500 do.		41⅜
200 do.		75⅛	700 do.		41⅜
500 do.		75⅛	300 do.		41⅜
1900 do.		75	100 do.		41⅞
2400 do.		74⅞	500 do.		51⅜
50 do.		74⅜	900 do.		41⅜
300 do.	s3.	73⅞	100 do.		41⅜
1000 do.		74⅜	400 do.	b3.	41⅛
10 Wells, Fargo Ex.		85⅜	100 do.	s3.	41⅛
100 do.	b. c.	86

MR. BEECHER ON TRIAL.

THE FIRST EVIDENCE TAKEN FOR THE DEFENSE.

MR. E. J. OVINGTON TELLS WHAT HE KNOWS—SEVERE CROSS-EXAMINATION—MR. R. E. HOLMES GIVES THE SUBSTANCE OF THE WINSTED SCANDAL—MR. FULLERTON ADVISES HIM TO "GO WEST"—MRS. OVINGTON CALLED.

Although Mr. Beecher did not take the stand yesterday the interest created by the expectation of that event was not lessened by the result, owing to the brilliancy of the cross-examination by Judge Fullerton of the witnesses brought forward by the defense. The court-room was crowded to repletion. Mr. and Mrs. Beecher came in early, attended by their sons. Frank Moulton sat among the ordinary spectators, apart from counsel in the case. Mrs. Tilton was still absent, but her friends, Mrs. Fields, the Quaker lady, and Mrs. Shearman, were present. Judge Larned, of Albany, and Rev. Henry Varley, the English pulpit orator, occupied seats on the bench.

The first witness called was Mr. Edward J. Ovington. Mr. Ovington is about forty-five years old. His red hair, mustache, and full beard are slightly tinged with gray. At his residence Mrs. Tilton has lived since leaving her husband's house in Livingston street. He is engaged largely in the importation of crockery, bronzes, and fancy goods in Fulton street, Brooklyn. His manner was constrained and embarrassed. After stating that he had known Tilton for about twelve years, he said that after the publication of the Bacon letter he saw Tilton, and told him it was a serious thing to bring such charges against Mr. Beecher, and that Tilton answered harshly, and said he would slay Beecher; that Tilton on another occasion said at the house of the witness that Elizabeth was a trump; that she had made a fine appearance before the committee, whereon Mrs. Ovington said she was glad to have received a pleasant letter from Mrs. Tilton, as she had before received another letter of a different character. Tilton was very anxious, and asked what was in the first letter; Mrs. Ovington told him. The witness was handed two letters, and asked to say what his wife told Tilton. This was objected to, and finally the question and letters were ruled out. Mr. Ovington then stated that Gen. Tracy had no interview in his house with Mrs. Tilton except in presence of Mrs. Ovington, the witness, or the church committee. On the evening Mrs. Tilton went before the committee, Gen. Tracy only saw her for a few moments. Mr. Fullerton then rose to cross-examine. His style was superb. His voice was bland and conciliatory, and he gradually led his man from one absurd position to another and a more absurd one, until it seemed as if the witness would swear black was white on the slightest provocation. Mr. Ovington could not recollect the day in July when Mrs. Tilton came to his house; it was about 7:30 o'clock A. M. Since that time she had remained at his house. She had visited Washington, Conn., with Mrs. Ovington; they stopped at a school called the Gunnery, kept by Mr. Gunn. She also went to Montclair, N. J., with Mr. Tubbs. Mr. Fullerton opened his eyes and said wearily, "Who is Mr. Tubbs?" Mr. Ovington answered he was an old friend of the family. The call of Mr. Tracy was then taken up by Mr. Fullerton. Mr. Ovington swore positively that he knew of his own knowledge the time when Gen. Tracy came to the house—although he did not see him enter—by hearing the door-bell ring. Mr. Fullerton asked if he could distinguish between Gen. Tracy's ringing the door-bell and any one else doing the same. Mr. Ovington said he could not, and after a number of similar questions and equally ludicrous answers, Mr. Ovington admitted he did not know anything about it. He presented an appearance similar to that of Mr. Augustus Winkle, in the *Pickwick Papers*, when cross-examined by counsel, and when Mr. Fullerton, with all imaginable gravity, said, "And you cannot say of your own knowledge that Gen. Tracy was at your house at all," hearty laughter ran round the court as Mr. Ovington protested that he could. Mr. Beach, the senior counsel for the plaintiff, leaned back in his chair and enjoyed the affair immensely. Mr. Fullerton then questioned Mr. Ovington as to the persons calling on Mrs. Tilton. He answered that Gen. Tracy and Mr. Shearman had called on her about fifteen times each, Mr. Hill several times, and Messrs. Evarts and Porter once. Mr. Beecher had called once, after the committee meeting. Two of Mrs. Tilton's children were at the Gunnery. Ralph was at his house, and he did not know where Florence was. Mr. Fullerton then asked him if he did not know Florence was with her father. Ovington answered he had heard so. He was then asked if Florence had not called at his house while Mrs. Tilton was absent in the country, and he had refused to tell her where her mother was, for which he afterward apologized. Mr. Ovington said he did not. He then said he recollected Florence sending him a message, asking where her mother was, and his writing an answer advising her not to go to her mother at that time. Mr. Fullerton then took up the subject of the first interview with Tilton, and drew out of the witness the significant statement that Tilton said the Plymouth Church people had placed him in the light of a knave and a dog, and that if they did not stop throwing mud at him he would publish the whole of Beecher's letter to him through Moulton, part of which he had inserted in the Bacon letter, and by so doing would slay Beecher. Mr. Fullerton smilingly bowed to the court, and said, "*That* gives me an appetite." The court laughingly assented, and took a recess for an hour.

After recess, Mr. Ovington admitted that when Tilton said his wife had lied before the committee, he understood Tilton to mean she had lied in saying Beecher was innocent. Mr. Ovington was then asked if he knew of Theresa Burke or her whereabouts, and answered that he did not. He did not know of her having passed under the name of Hodges, or of his having seen her at the Pierrepont House. He was then asked regarding the support of Mrs. Tilton and her children, and said he had not received any money for that purpose, but he had received $875 in three checks from Mr. Augustus Storrs for the fitting-out of the children. He then admitted that Tilton had paid for the children's schooling, and said he had given the money to Mrs. Tilton, as she had asked for it. There was a small balance remaining. He could not mention any bills he had paid out of the amount, but promised to bring an account into court to-day. He was then asked whether any person had talked with him regarding the future support of Mrs. Tilton, and he named Assistant Pastor Halliday. He was asked what Mr. Halliday said, and Mr. Shearman objected. Mr. Fullerton laughingly said, "I did not think any objection would be made to what Brother Halliday said," and released Mr. Ovington from further torture. A roar of laughter followed the sally of the counsel, and Mr. Ovington left the stand.

Mr. Rufus E. Holmes, bank President, of Winsted, Conn., and principal officer of the Young Men's Christian Association of that town, deposed to Tilton having lectured there in December, 1869, and to his having met the plaintiff at the depot. Tilton was accompanied by a full grown lady, twenty-seven or twenty-eight years old. On going to the hotel in the morning he rapped at Tilton's door twice, and was turning away when the door was partly opened by the lady who came with Tilton. He said he had called for Mr. Tilton to show him the church. She said Tilton was lying down resting himself. He was about going away when Tilton said, from the inside, "Wait a moment, and I will go with you." The lady then threw open the door. Tilton was lying on the bed, with his coat, vest, and gaiters off. He said the lady had been reading him to sleep by reciting *Paradise Lost*. He was then asked whether the affair had created great scandal in Winsted. This was objected to and ruled out. Mr. Fullerton then dissected Mr. Holmes. He made him admit that he called on Mr. Tilton by appointment; that he did not try the door of the room to see if it was locked; that there was no concealment; and that after the lecture he introduced his wife, sister, and other members of his family to Tilton. Mr. Shearman, for the defense, informed the court that they had called Mr. Holmes out of the regular order of their witnesses, as he was going West. Mr. Fullerton said: "Quite right, very proper—go West, young man, go West." In the general laughter which followed, Mr. Holmes did go West. Mrs. G. J. Ovington, wife of Mr. Ovington, was next called. She is in poor health. She described Mrs. Tilton as a loving mother and true wife. She then alluded to her returning from Havana just after the publication of the Bacon letter, and calling on Mrs. Tilton. She was asked what change she had observed then in Mrs. Tilton's appearance. This was objected to, and she was asked to state what Mrs. Tilton's health apparently was. She answered, very feeble. At this point an adjournment was had until 11 o'clock to-day, when Mrs. Ovington's examination will be resumed.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The jury having answered to their names, the Court said:

Mr. Shearman, will you proceed this morning—are you ready?

Mr. Shearman—The first witness will be called a little out of order, Sir.

Edward J. Ovington was called and examined by Mr. Hill, and testified as follows:

Q.—Are you acquainted with the parties to this action? A.—I am.

Q.—How long have you known them? A.—Mr. Beecher about twenty-five years,

Q.—And Mr. Tilton? A.—Twelve years.

Q.—Have you been a neighbor of Mr. Tilton? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—When were you living near him, and please state where his residence was with relation to yours? A.—His residence was a block above mine.

Q.—What was your number? A.—No. 125.

Q.—Livingston street? A.—Livingston street—or No. 95, at that time, the old number.

Q.—And his? A.—His number was No. 174; I don't remember the old number.

Q.—But it was then a block above you, you say? A.—A block above me, yes, Sir.

Q.—Please state how intimate your acquaintance was with Mr. and Mrs. Tilton? A.—Well, we were on calling acquaintance.

Q.—Frequent or otherwise? A.—Well, rather frequent for a time; for the most part rather infrequent.

Q.—Any especial friendship between Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Ovington? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—How long had that continued, and when did it begin? A.—Well, it began in the year 1868, I think, and continued from that time.

Q.—Continued from that time on; are you certain of dates, Sir? A.—1867 or 1868, I think it was.

Q.—I will call your attention to the publication of the Bacon letter. Now, in June last, do you recollect having an interview with Mr. Tilton soon after the publication of that letter? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—When, with reference to its publication? A.—Three or four days afterward.

Q.—Well, where? A.—At his house; I called upon him.

Q.—Please state the circumstances, and what was said between you; the circumstances of the call? A.—I called on his invitation; he mentioned to my wife that he would like to see me, and I called upon him.

Q.—Well, go on and state what occurred? A.—I told him I was sorry to find him in this trouble; I told him it was a very serious matter to bring this charge against Mr. Beecher, and would do a very great injury to the cause of religion; Mr. Tilton said that it was not his own bringing on; that if Mr. Beecher would do his duty, and do justice to him, he was willing to do no more—to stop just there.

Q.—Well, what else was said? A.—Then I had considerable to say about his wife's appearance, and I remarked that she was looking in a very bad condition of health, and he answered: "Oh, I think she is looking about as usual." It was some indefinite remark; I don't remember.

Q.—Well, Sir, what was his manner upon that occasion? A.—Well, he was very hard on Mr. Beecher; said that he was not going to be called a fool and a knave, while Mr. Beecher knew he was the magnanimous man.

Q.—He, Tilton? A.—He, Tilton.

WHAT TILTON PROPOSED TO DO.

Q.—Did he make any statement of what he proposed to do, and if so, state it? A.—He said it was now his time for action, and he proposed to fight it out from that time, and various expressions of that kind.

Q.—Of what kind? A.—Figures of battle-axes and swords, and the sword—he would not sheathe his sword until Mr. Beecher was cut down, and so forth.

Q.—Now, I would like you to state the day of the week when this occurred, if you can? A.—It must be Tuesday; it was Tuesday.

Q.—On a Tuesday? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Had you seen him before that, after the Bacon letter was published? A.—Yes, Sir; I saw him a few moments on the previous Sunday.

Q.—At his house, or where? A.—At his house, or in front of his house; I called at his house in a carriage; I was driving out, and he came out and spoke to me a few words.

Q.—That was the latter part of June or the early part of July; when did you next see him to have an interview with him?

Mr. Fullerton—He has not stated that, I think.

Mr. Hill—What is that?

Mr. Fullerton—He has not stated that, I think. He did not say it was the latter part of June or the early part of July.

Mr. Hill—He said it was two or three days after the publication of the Bacon letter.

Mr. Fullerton—Well, I don't so understand; establish that fact.

Q.—When did you next see him, Mr. Ovington? A.—The next interview was at my house, I think.

Q.—Can you recollect the time? A.—It was about a week after that; I don't recollect the day.

Q.—Can you recollect the day of the week? A.—Friday, I think.

Q.—What day was it? A.—Friday, it seems to me; but I cannot recall the day.

Q.—Friday, it occurs to you, but you can't recall the day. Where was this conversation to which you referred held? A.—In my house, or in the piazza in front of my house.

Q.—Who was present at that interview? A.—My wife, Mr. Tilton, and myself.

THE CONVERSATION WHICH OCCURRED.

Q.—Please begin and give us the conversation which occurred between yourself and your wife and Mr. Tilton, as nearly as you can? A.—Well, Mr. Tilton opened the conversation, saying, "Elizabeth made a fine impression before the committee. Elizabeth is a trump, is not she? But it was all fiction. I could go before the committee and weave fiction—speak well of Mr. Beecher and Elizabeth—but she only done what a true wife would do."

Q.—Well, Sir? A.—My wife remarked that she did not look and talk as though she was telling an untruth, and she did not believe that she did. Mr. Tilton replied, "Oh, Libby would tell any number of lies for me." Then my wife said something about Mrs. Tilton's appearance, that she was looking in a very bad condition of health, and remarked that I had, when I came home from my interview, said that she looked death-struck. Mr. Tilton said, "Oh, not as bad as that." My wife then said that she was pleased to get a very pleasant letter from Mrs. Tilton the day previous, I think it was, and contrasted it with a letter that she had previously received, when she said that letter was the opposite in character—a distressful letter—and Mr. Tilton was inquisitive to know the contents of the letter.

Q.—You say he was "inquisitive." Did he ask? A.—Well, he said, "How is that? Elizabeth has been writing to you?" My wife said yes. "What did she say?" My wife told him.

Q.—What did your wife say; can you recall? A.—Of the letter?

Q.—Yes. A.—Well, she repeated—

Q.—Did she have the letter present? A.—No, Sir. But I had heard it read, and she repeated it.

Q.—Repeated the contents? A.—Repeated the contents of the letter; yes.

Q.—To Mr. Tilton? A.—To Mr. Tilton.

Q.—Which letter; the first or the second? A.—Well, both.

Q.—Both of them? A.—Yes, virtually.

WHAT MRS. OVINGTON SAID TO MR. TILTON.

Q.—Now, can you recall what she said—in stating the contents of the letter, I mean? A.—O, I could not recall, no, sir.

Q.—Can you give the substance of it? A.—No, except the first was a sad letter, and the second one was a cheerful one.

Q.—That is your memory? A.—I could not give the substance of it.

Q.—Can you state the contents of the communication if you were to look at the letters? A.—Yes, sir.

The Court—Can he state what was said on that occasion in respect to the contents?

Mr. Hill—I have asked him, and he says he cannot state.

The Court—That is still the question.

Mr. Hill—Certainly.

Mr. Fullerton—The question now is, can he state the contents if he saw them?

The Court—Of course he can read a letter. We want what was said on that occasion.

Mr. Hill here handed two letters to the witness.

The Court—See if those papers refresh your recollection. See if you can repeat what was said on that occasion.

Mr. Hill—Now, Sir, can you give what your wife said to Mr. Tilton in giving the contents of the first letter?

Mr. Beach—Please close the letter.

The Witness—That is his first letter.

Mr. Fullerton—That you are to find out.

Mr. Hill—Look if you can recall—

Mr. Beach—That is the second letter.

The Witness—Yes; that is what was said.

Mr. Hill—Go on and state what was said.

Mr. Beach—I move that that [the witness' last answer] be stricken out.

The Court—Yes, that is stricken out.

Mr. Hill—After having examined those papers closely, then the question is whether you can recall and state the substance of what she said to Mr. Tilton at that time in respect to the letters.

Mr. Beach—I submit that the ruling is, if your Honor please, that after refreshing his recollection by the memorandum, the witness must be able to state from his recollection, independent of the memorandum.

The Court—Yes.

Mr. Beach—What the conversation was?

The Court—Yes.

Mr. Hill—Well, I desire simply to obtain the rest of this, his recollection in respect to that subject—if he can state the contents of the letter without the letter, I suppose that it is proper he should do it, and if he cannot, I suppose he can refer to the letter, or that the letter and statement may come in together, if he cannot recollect the contents of the letter.

Mr. Beach—We dispute that.

The Court—That is another proposition; there is no occasion for any argument. The simple direction to this witness is this—to examine those papers and see if they refresh his recollection, then to close the papers, and then state from his recollection, as thus refreshed, so far as he can, what was said to Mr. Tilton on that occasion as to the contents of the letters.

The Witness—I cannot commit these to memory and then repeat them.

Mr. Hill—Can you give the substance of what your wife said in giving the contents of the first letter?

Mr. Beach—I contend that the witness cannot testify with his eye on the letter.

The Court—Oh, no; close the letter and then state it.

Mr. Hill—His Honor has suggested that you close the letter after having examined it; after having examined it a sufficient time to refresh your recollection. Now, if you can, state the contents of the first letter.

Mr. Fullerton—I object to that.

Mr. Hill—Or state what your wife said in regard to the contents of the first letter. A.—I cannot recall it.

Q.—You cannot recall it? A.—No, Sir.

Mr. Hill—Then I offer the letter, together with his statement, in evidence.

Mr. Beach (to the witness)—Oh, please, don't be reading those letters quite so constantly.

The Court—I do not see at present how the letter can be received.

Mr. Hill—Very well; I will ask one other question. Mr. Ovington, did your wife state to Mr. Tilton the contents of that letter?

Mr. Fullerton—I object to that, Sir. In the first place, it is leading, and, in the second place, he don't know whether she did or not.

The Court—He cannot recall it, and, therefore, he cannot state it.

Mr. Hill—I am asking, with the letter before him, if his wife stated the contents of this letter to Mr. Tilton? A.—She did.

The Court—You can ask him what his wife said. (To the witness)—What did your wife say in regard to the contents of this letter; did she say anything, and, if so, what? A.—She repeated the contents of them; I had just heard them read and I knew that she was saying the contents of them.

Q.—And you cannot recall what she then said? A.—I cannot recall what she had read.

Mr. Fullerton—I object to that, and move to strike it out.

Mr. Hill—I submit that it is proper.

The Court—The statement that she had read them correctly is stricken out—

Mr. Hill—I did not understand.

The Court—The statement that he had heard the letters read, and that his wife on that occasion repeated them correctly, is stricken out, as it is not called for by your question.

Mr. Hill—I asked if the wife stated the contents of those letters.

Mr. Beach—That was objected to and ruled out.

Mr. Hill—I do not understand that it is ruled out.

Mr. Beach—Then you asked the witness what she did state, and he made this irresponsive and improper answer.

Mr. Hill—I understand your Honor's ruling that the striking—I now put the question.

Mr. Beach—It shall be responsive—

Mr. Hill—I ask if his wife did state the contents of these letters, as he had previously heard them read?

Judge Neilson—That involves a comparison between what he heard read before and what was stated then; your inquiry should be as to what was stated then.

Mr. Hill—Well, Sir, I desire to prove by the witness that she stated the contents of the letter; he says he can't recall the contents of the letter now, but he knows she stated it.

Judge Neilson—He cannot remember what was stated as to the contents; that seems to embrace the examination. If the witness cannot remember, you should pass to something else.

Mr. Hill—Well, Sir, I desire to offer the letter in evidence in connection with his testimony.

Mr. Beach—That is objected to.

Judge Neilson—It cannot be received, Sir.

Mr. Hill—Will you mark it for identification?

Judge Neilson—Yes.

The letter marked D 111.

Mr. Hill (to the witness)—Can you recollect what she stated in regard to the contents of the second letter? A.—Well, she stated something about her being as happy as a bird that day.

Mr. Hill (to the Court)—Inasmuch as this letter is now marked I will accept your Honor's ruling.

Q.—What else? A.—I can't recall the phraseology; simply that she was happy, and everything was going on smoothly; the letter closed by "Bless the Lord, O my soul!" I remember that.

WHAT TILTON SAID ABOUT BEECHER AND MRS. TILTON.

Mr. Hill—Yes. Now, Mr. Ovington, go on with the conversation that occurred there after the statement about the letters. A.—He said Mr. Beecher never loved any other woman as he loves Elizabeth; Mrs. Beecher he never loved; Mrs. Beecher made his home a hell; and since he loves Elizabeth so, why doesn't he treat her like a man; why don't he come forward and help her; he is a coward, a poltroon; I wouldn't treat a woman so who had given me all that a woman can give; why did he let her rent her only cool rooms in the house to boarders?

Q.—Anything else upon that—in that connection, I mean? A.—Oh, he continued to call Mr. Beecher a coward.

Q.—Well, Sir, what else did he say upon any other topic? A.—He then said, "Mrs. Tilton has only done the duty of a wife in coming forward and lying for me," and said, "If I had committed the Nathan murder, and Mrs. Tilton was a witness of it, do you suppose she would testify to the truth?" He said, "No, indeed." He appealed to my wife if she wouldn't do the same thing.

Q.—If she wouldn't do what? A.—If she wouldn't testify—if she would testify to the truth if her husband was charged with the Nathan murder, and she a witness of it. My wife replied that she would not to convict an innocent man; she would sacrifice her husband rather than that an innocent man should suffer.

Q.—Well, go on. Anything further? A.—I do not recall anything further.

Q.—Anything said about the conversation being confidential? A.—Yes. He said, "This conversation is confidential, but you can repeat it all to Elizabeth."

Q.—Speaking to your wife? A.—Speaking to my wife.

Q.—When did you see Mr. Tilton after that? A.—On the second day, I think it was.

THE INTERVIEW WITH MR. TRACY.

Q.—Mr. Ovington, let me call your attention—[Mr. Shearman here interrupted the question by a whispered remark]—or ask you if you saw Mrs. Tilton within a day or two prior to the conversation which you have now referred to upon the piazza—[Mr. Shearman again whispers in the ear of the querist]—a conversation when Gen. Tracy was present? A.—O, yes.

Q.—Well, please state what occurred there. Who was present at the conversation when Gen. Tracy was present, and Mrs. Tilton also was present? A.—Judge Morse and my wife and myself.

Q.—When was that with reference to this last conversation which you have now given? A.—The second day previous, I think.

Q.—That would be on Wednesday, as near as you can locate it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Very well. [Another earnest and whispered colloquy here took place with Mr. Shearman.]—Do you recollect the day, Mr. Ovington, when Mrs. Tilton appeared before the Committee of Plymouth Church? A.—On the 6th of June—6th of July.

Q.—Well, where were you that day? A.—That evening I was present.

Q.—You were present when she was before the committee, do you mean? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Where were you during the evening of that day? A.—I was in the house.

Q.—Did you see Gen. Tracy that day? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Well, now, about what time? A.—In the evening, about 6:30, I should think.

Q.—Well, who did he see when he came to your house? A.—He saw my wife and myself.

Q.—And who else? A.—No one, I think, when he first came to the house.

Q.—Then he went away, you say? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did he call again? A.—He then returned, in a half-hour afterward, I suppose.

Q.—Very well; who was present then, and who did he see? A.—Only my wife and myself.

Q.—At your house, was this? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Was he introduced to Mrs. Tilton at any time there; and if so, by whom? A.—Not up to that time. Afterward he was introduced by Judge Morse.

Q.—And the interview between Mrs. Tilton and Gen. Tracy occurred in Judge Morse's presence? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, did you see the General again that day? A.—Well, he remained there through the evening, while Mrs. Tilton was giving her evidence before the committee.

Q.—The committee then came to your house, as I understand? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, had Gen. Tracy any interview with Mrs. Tilton, or conversation with her, which was not in the presence of either you, or your wife, or the committee? A.—No, Sir.

Mr. Beach—How can he speak to that when he was not present?

Mr. Hill—But he was present.

Mr. Beach—Well, then, he can say that; but the question calls on him to speak with reference to what occurred when he was absent; that is assumed by the question.

Q.—I will ask you, Mr. Ovington, were you present all the time that Gen. Tracy was in the house upon that occasion upon which all these interviews occurred? A.—Except one, Sir.

Q.—Well, where was that, and when was that? A.—Gen Tracy went down stairs to where my wife and Mrs. Tilton were taking supper, to tell her that the committee had come.

Mr. Hill—Well, never mind what he said there—how long were they down there?

Mr. Beach—How long were who there?

Mr. Hill—Gen. Tracy, Mrs. Ovington, and Mrs. Tilton—together, I mean.

Witness—Just long enough to go and return.

Q.—A very few minutes? A.—A few minutes, I should say.

Q.—And then Gen. Tracy came up stairs and remained in your presence until he went away?

Mr. Fullerton.—One moment, one moment. Don't give him the story, please; ask him the question.

Witness.—Yes, Sir; the General came up and remained with the committee; that was all through the evening.

Q.—Mr. Ovington, please tell to his Honor and the jury your business. A.—A merchant in Brooklyn.

Q.—How long have you been in business here? A.—Twenty-eight years, Sir—twenty-nine years.

Q.—Whereabouts do you carry it on, Sir? A.—On Fulton street, near Clinton street.

Q.—State the place. A.—No. 250 Fulton, near Clinton street.

Q.—Near Clinton street? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Just state the line of your business in a general way. A.—Importer of fancy goods, china, bronzes.

Q.—Are you about to go from the city now? A.—Yes.

Q.—When do you expect to go? A.—On Saturday.

Q.—Going where? A.—To Europe.

Mr. Hill.—That will do.

Mr. Beach.—Do you see any occasion to cross-examine, Mr. Fullerton?

MR. OVINGTON'S CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fullerton.

Q.—Mr. Ovington, where has Mrs. Tilton made her home for the last few months? A.—At my house.

Q.—When did she go there first to make it her home? A.—The early part of July.

Q.—Do you recollect the day? A.—I don't the day of the week; it must have been July 8.

Q.—1874? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—What time of day did she come there? A.—Early in the morning.

Q.—How early? A.—I should think about 7:30.

Q.—And she has made it her home there ever since? A.—Yes, Sir, except that she has been out of town for a short time, visiting with my wife.

Q.—Where did she visit? A.—At Fairfield, Conn.

Q.—In whose family or what families did she visit? A.—I can't recollect the names; I am not acquainted with them; they were boarding-houses.

Q.—Does your wife know the families with whom she visits? A.—She did not until she visited there; no, Sir.

Q.—Did she go to visit strangers? A.—She went—she is in the habit of going out of town during the warm months.

Q.—Then she did not go visiting? A.—No, Sir; not visiting.

Q.—To spend the Summer? A.—A short time; yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you visit her while she was there? A.—I did not.

Q.—Can you not give us the name of the family or the house in which she remained during her absence? A.—I cannot recall the name.

Q.—How long was she absent during the Summer? A.—I should think about four or five weeks.

Q.—And where were you during these four or five weeks? A.—In the city.

Q.—You did not visit her during that time? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Was she absent from Brooklyn at any other place since the time she went to live at your house up to the present time? A.—She spent a short time at Washington, Conn.

Q.—When was that? A.—It must have been in the early days of August.

Q.—With your wife? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Where did they spend the time then? A.—With a Mr. Gunn.

Q.—Mr. Gunn? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—What place in Connecticut? A.—Washington.

Q.—What is his first name? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Was it a boarding-house? A.—Yes, Sir; a school; a school, not a boarding-house.

Q.—Well, do you know the name of the school? A.—It is called the Gunnery.

Q.—The Gunnery? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Is the proprietor of it Mr. Gunn? A.—Mr. Gunn; yes, Sir.

Q.—A large school? A.—I think it is, Sir.

Q.—A young ladies' school? A.—Young men's, probably, but I think there are some young ladies there.

Q.—Did you visit her while she was there? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—How long did your wife and Mrs. Tilton remain there? A.—I should say a week; I don't remember.

Q.—Now, was your wife absent at any other time during the Summer at any other place except the two which you have named? A.—She stopped a few days at another place.

Q.—Where was that? A.—I can't recall it now.

Q.—Did you visit her at the Gunnery? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Well, did you visit her at this other place that you do not recall? A.—A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Then you did not visit her at all during the Summer, when they were absent? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Now, Mr. Ovington, you have named three places where they visited during that period; now, is there any other place where they spent portions of their time? A.—I think not, Sir.

Q.—Where did they spend the balance of the time intermediate to the day when she came to your house up to the present day? A.—At my house.

Q.—At your house? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—In all your wife's absence during the Summer Mrs. Tilton went with her, as I understand you? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And during the remaining of the period she was in your family? A.—Except occasional visits for a day or two to New-Jersey.

Q.—Now, where did she visit in New-Jersey? Mr. Hill—If he knows—

Mr. Fullerton—Well, I don't suppose he will tell if he don't know. You must not mistrust your own witness.

A.—Visited Montclair.

Q.—How long? A.—A day or two.

Q.—Did your wife go with her? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—How long was she absent? A.—Not more than two days, I think.

Q.—Do you know how she went? A.—How she went?

Q.—Yes. How did she get to Montclair? A.—Walked to the ferry; crossed the ferry and took the cars, I presume.

Q.—Then she went by rail, I presume. A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you put her on board the cars? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Do you know who did? A.—I do not know.

Q.—Did your wife go with her? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did anyone go with her? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Who did? A.—It is, I presume, Mr. Tubbs, who went with her.

Q.—Who is Mr. Tubbs? He is an old resident here in Brooklyn.

Q.—Friend of your family? A.—Not until recently; no, Sir.

Q.—How recently? A.—Two or three months.

Q.—Where does Mr. Tubbs reside? A.—Montclair.

Q.—He came over after her, did he? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did you correspond with Mr. Tubbs? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Do you know whether any one corresponded with him? A.—He was in the habit of calling at the house, but there was no correspondence.

Q.—He went away from your house in company with her, did he? A.—I presume so; I don't know that.

Q.—Do you know who returned with her? A.—Mr. Tubbs.

Q.—Mr. Tubbs returned with her—brought her to your house? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—After two or three days' absence? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Has she been absent any other times than those you have named? A.—Yes; she went up to the country, if I remember right.

Q.—The second time? A.—The second time.

Q.—When was that? A.—I should think in January; I will not be sure.

Q.—Of the present year? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Who went with her there? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Did any one? A.—I think so; yes.

Q.—Don't you know who it was? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Didn't your wife go with her? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did any member of your family go with her? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Were you with her when she left the house? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—What? A.—No, Sir; I was not.

Q.—You cannot tell us who went with her? A.—I don't remember now; no, Sir.

Mr. Beach—Can he tell if any one went with her?

Q.—Can you tell if any one went with her? A.—O, yes; I know some one went with her.

Q.—How do you know that fact? A.—From the fact of her inquiring who could go with her.

Q.—Of whom did she make the inquiry? A.—Talked with us in regard to it.

Q.—Who do you mean by "us"? A.—My wife and myself.

Q.—She consulted you, then, as to who should go with her: did you suggest? A.—No, Sir; I did not.

Q.—Did your wife suggest in your presence? A.—She may have done so.

Q.—Don't you recollect that she did do so? A.—Yes; I do remember that she did, I think, but I don't know who.

Q.—Don't you remember, now, who she suggested? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—It was a matter of importance that some proper person should go with her, was it not? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Don't you remember that some proper person was suggested? A.—I remember that Mrs. Morse was suggested; whether she went or not I don't know.

Q.—Who suggested Mrs. Morse? A.—I think, likely, Mrs. Tilton did.

Q.—That is Mrs. Tilton's mother, is it not? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, were there any other absences than those you now recall? A.—I think not; I don't recall any.

MR. TRACY'S VISITS TO MRS. TILTON.

Q.—Will you state, during the period that Mrs. Tilton has been at your house, whether she has had many or few persons to call upon her? A.—Well, rather few, I should say; at least, she has seen few—many have called.

Q.—Many have called, but few were chosen, I suppose. A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You have mentioned a call by Mr. Tracy. A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—When was that call made? A.—On the 6th of July.

Q.—Are you sure of the date? A.—I presume that was the day that she went before the committee; that was the first one—the first time that he saw her.

Q.—Well; that you know of? Yes; that I know of.

Q.—What time in the day was it that Mr. Tracy called first? A.—That he called first at our house?

Q.—Yes, that you know of. The question is on that date, whatever day it was, that he did call? A.—Toward evening, I should think; 6 o'clock or so.

Were you home when he called? A.—Yes, Sir?

Q.—Did you know at that time of the appointment of this committee of the Church? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—You were in ignorance of that fact? A.—Entirely so.

Q.—From whom did you learn that the committee was appointed? A.—From my wife.

Q.—When did you first learn it? A.—That same evening; perhaps at that very interview; I don't remember.

Q.—Who met Mr. Tracy at the door when he came; do you recollect? A.—No, Sir; I do not.

Q.—Where did you first see Mr. Tracy; in the house after his arrival? A.—In the upper room.

Q.—What upper room? A.—Front room; over the parlor; I was detained home by sickness.

Q.—You were in the upper room? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—In bed? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Who brought Mr. Tracy up there? A.—I think he was shown up by the servant.

Q.—Do you know, of your own knowledge, how long Mr. Tracy had been in that house before he was ushered into your presence? A.—O, I know that he came—

Q.—Of your own knowledge? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You saw him come in the house, then? A.—I heard the bell ring.

Q.—Ah! Did the bell ring more than once that day? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Were you at the door when persons visiting the house were admitted? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Could you distinguish, then, being upstairs in your sick room, between the advent of Mr. Tracy and any other person who might ring there? A.—No.

Q.—Then I put the question again: Do you know of your own knowledge when Mr. Tracy arrived at the house? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You saw him come in, did you? A.—No, Sir; I know he was not down stairs.

Q.—How long had you been up stairs before he was ushered into your room? A.—I think I had been there some time.

Q.—How long? A.—Two or three hours.

Q.—Could it have been possible for a person to get into your house without ringing the bell? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Quite impossible? A.—Except with a night key.

Q.—Could not be let in by any person without ringing the bell? A.—Not very well; no, Sir.

Q.—It might have been? A.—Yes; might come in with a servant.

HOW HE KNEW WHEN MR. TRACY CAME, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SEE HIM COME IN.

Q.—Will you explain to the jury, as an intelligent man, how you are enabled to say that you knew when Mr. Tracy came into your house when you acknowledge you did not see him come in, but were in that upper room of the house? A.—It is a very small house; when the bell rings you can hear just what is going on down in the hall, and I generally ascertain who rings the bell.

Q.—If you generally ascertain who rings the bell, did that enable you to tell who rang the bell that day? A.—Who entered the house? Yes.

Q.—You could tell, then, who entered the house that day, because you generally inquired who rung the bell; is that your answer? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, Mr. Ovington, do you know how long Gen. Tracy was in that house before he came to your room—of your own knowledge? A.—I know it only in that way.

Q.—That you heard the bell ring and supposed that somebody was admitted? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And that somebody, you conjectured, was Mr. Tracy? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Is that all you know about it? [The witness here hesitated.] Is that all you know about it? A.—I don't understand the question.

Q.—Then you should not have answered it. I understand you to say that you conjectured that Gen. Tracy came into the house when you heard a certain bell ring, but you don't know it of your own knowledge? A.—Yes, I know that it was he; I do know it of my own knowledge; I did know it.

Q.—I want to know how you knew it, when you were up stairs and did not see him enter? A.—If any one enters the house I hear their voice from my room: the house is a small one.

Q.—You don't hear their voice unless they speak? A.—They generally do speak.

Q.—Generally speak? A.—Always speak—ask the servant if Mr. Ovington is in; that I hear.

Q.—Did you hear that that day? A.—I presume I did.

Q.—Did you hear that that day? A.—I cannot recall it.

Q.—Then how can you state positively that you knew when Gen. Tracy came if you did not hear his voice? A.—Well, I have stated as near as I can.

Q.—I think you have, too. A.—Yes.

Q.—But I must ask you a little further about it. A.—I am sure he was not in the house a moment before he came up to the room.

Q.—That you know sure? A.—Absolutely sure.

Q.—You swear to it positively? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—That he was not in the house a moment before he came up to your room? A.—It could not be possible.

Q.—Could not be possible—glad to get it—how? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You know that it was not I that came to the house and rang the bell? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Positively? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—The door of your room—was it shut or open? A.—Open in the Summer, always.

Q.—Can you see from the room where you were sitting down stairs to the front door? A.—No, Sir, could not see to the front door.

Q.—Cannot see at all—did you get up that day to go to the head of the stairs to see who had entered? A.—No, Sir, I do not think I did.

Q. Did not? A.—No, Sir.

DID MR. TRACY GO RIGHT UP STAIRS?

Q.—Do you remember exactly how long it was after you heard the bell ring that Mr. Tracy came to your room? A.—About half a minute.

Q.—I ask you if you recollect positively how long it was? A.—I remember that he came right up—yes,

they didn't meet outside of your house? A.—I was not in the street to see.

Q.—Then, you don't know, do you? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Why do you think Mr. Tracy left to go and see Mr. Beecher? A.—I think he made a remark to that effect.

Q.—To whom did he make that observation? A.—My wife and myself.

Q.—Anyone else present? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Up to the time of Mr. Tracy's return after he left your house had he seen or met Mrs. Tilton? A.—Not that I know of.

WHERE WAS THE SECOND INTERVIEW HELD?

Q.—On his return the second time to your house, what room did he occupy, or sit in? A.—The second time I think it was up stairs; I won't be certain.

Q.—And who was with him up stairs the second time? A.—I think only my wife.

Q.—Where were you? A.—I was present.

Q.—Then, you were there? A.—Yes; my wife and myself.

Q.—Then, it was not in the parlor that the second call was made? A.—I think not; I won't be sure.

Q.—Then, you were wrong there? A.—My memory is very indistinct.

Q.—You told us a moment ago it was in the parlor. A.—It might have been in the parlor.

Mr. Evarts—Stop.

Mr. Beach (over his shoulder)—What are you hallooing to us to stop for?

Mr. Shearman—Why are you arguing with the witness?

Mr. Morris—We have a right to.

Witness—I gave very little attention to the matter. It's all indistinct.

Mr. Fullerton—I think my adversaries are excusable for being uneasy.

Q.—Do you know anything about it? A.—Yes; I think I know something about it.

Q.—Then, do you know whether the second interview between Mrs. Tilton and Gen. Tracy was in the parlor or in the room upstairs? A.—You refer to the second interview with Mr. Tracy alone—not one when Judge Morse was present?

Q.—I refer just to what was embraced in my question.

Mr. Evarts—That is what he asked you—what was embraced in your question.

Mr. Fullerton—That he ought to know without asking.

The official stenographer read the question, as follows:

Q.—Then do you know whether the second interview between Mrs. Tilton and Gen. Tracy was in the parlor or in the room up stairs? A.—The chances are that it was up stairs.

Q.—How long did that interview last? A.—I can't say; it might have been ten minutes, it might have been half an hour, it might have been five minutes.

Q.—Where was Mrs. Tilton during the second interview up stairs, which might have been half an hour? Do you know whether she had returned to the house or not? A.—No, Sir; she had not.

Q.—Where did Mr. Tracy go after he had left your room—the second interview being ended up there? A.—I can't be sure whether it was at the house—whether he didn't stay until Judge Morse came in the evening.

Q.—You don't know whether he staid until Judge Morse came? A.—That I can't say.

Q.—Did he come back after leaving your house, the second interview being closed—did he return? A.—I remarked that I don't remember whether he went away.

Q.—If he didn't go away where did he stay? A.—He staid with us until Judge Morse came.

Q.—Are you sure of that, now? A.—That is my impression.

Q.—You are not sure, however? A.—I can't be sure; no, sir.

Q.—Did Judge Morse come while you and Mr. Tracy were sitting in your upper room during that interview. A.—No, sir; that was in the back parlor.

WHAT TIME DID JUDGE MORSE COME TO THE HOUSE?

Q.—You didn't understand my question. During the second interview upstairs, did Judge Morse come to the house? A.—No, Sir; not up stairs; he came to the house while we were in the parlor.

Q.—Was Mr. Tracy in the parlor? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—He went from your room upstairs in the parlor, didn't he? A.—I can't remember, Sir.

Q.—How? A.—I can't recall.

Q.—Can you recall the length of time that elapsed after your interview upstairs was ended before you saw Gen. Tracy in the parlor? A.—No, Sir, I cannot.

Q.—May it have been an hour? A.—It might have been, perhaps.

Q.—Do you know what time Mr. Morse came? Was it before or after your interview up stairs in the room was ended? A.—Oh, it was after; when Judge Morse came it must have been pretty nearly 8 o'clock.

Q.—In the evening? A.—I think so.

Q.—In the evening, was it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—How long after your interview up stairs, your second interview up stairs, ended? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—About how long was it? A.—I can't recollect.

Q.—Two hours? A.—I cannot tell.

Q.—You cannot tell whether it was two or three hours? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Now, you say you did not know whether Gen. Tracy went away after the second interview was closed and before Judge Morse arrived? I understood you to say so. A.—I presume he must have gone away, but I can't recollect.

Q.—You can't recollect? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—If he did not go away, he was in the house? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Can you tell if he was in the house during those three or four hours? A.—He was not there two or three hours.

Q.—You said, didn't you, that it was two or three hours after the interview up stairs closed that Judge Morse came? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Whatever interval it was, whether it was one or two or three hours, can you tell whether Gen. Tracy was in the house—if he was there during that period? A.—I can't say, Sir.

Q.—Then you don't know whether he was with Mrs. Tilton or not? A.—Yes, Sir, I know he was not.

Q.—Will you tell the court and jury how you know it? A.—Because I know she was not in the house.

Mr. Fullerton—Not in the house—she was in the house after she arrived there, was she not? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Can you tell whether they were, not together after they arrived in the house, when you were not present? A.—I know they were not.

Q.—Will you please say how you know it, where were you when Judge Morse arrived? A.—In the parlor.

Q.—You told me not a moment ago that you don't know when you were in the parlor? A.—Not when Judge Morse arrived there.

Q.—You are sure you were in the parlor? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did Mrs. Tilton come with him? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—That you are sure of? A.—Yes, Sir, I think so.

Q.—Mrs. Tilton did not arrive before Judge Morse then? A.—I think she went after her father—she came with him.

Q.—Now, answer me, my question, Mr. Ovington; did you say that Mrs. Tilton did not arrive there that evening before her father? A.—I think so; yes, Sir.

Q.—You say you say so; is that the answer—understand my question? A.—I think it was.

Q.—That she arrived with her father? A.—I think she came with her father.

Q.—You think she came with her father? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And you think it was 8 o'clock in the evening? A.—Somewhere along there.

Q.—And you were in the parlor when she arrived? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Who else was in the parlor? A.—Gen. Tracy, I think.

Q.—Gen. Tracy was there; did you say he arrived there? A.—He must have arrived just a short time previous to Judge Morse's coming in, I think.

Q.—Were you up stairs when he arrived that time? A.—I can't remember the fact of his coming in, you know.

Q.—Then you were not there when Gen. Tracy came? A.—I think I must have been.

Q.—Were you up stairs in your room when he arrived at that time? A.—I think not.

Q.—Where do you think you were? A.—I think in the parlor.

Q.—Where? A.—I think in the parlor.

Q.—Did you see Gen. Tracy arrive? A.—I think I saw him coming in, but I don't remember now.

Q.—Well, now, how long had you been in the parlor when he came? A.—That I can't remember.

Q.—Are you quite sure that you saw him come while you were in the parlor? A.—I can't swear that I saw Gen. Tracy passing through the hall and entering the parlor; I can't swear I saw that.

Q.—Was he in the parlor when you went down stairs and went out to Mr. Beecher's house? A.—I don't remember any such occurrence as that.

Q.—How long did they remain in the parlor after they got together? A.—I should think about fifteen—a short time.

Q.—Then what was done? A.—During that interview?

Q.—No, Sir; but after the interview was over what was done? What became of the persons who assembled there? A.—Mr. Tracy went out and returned in a few minutes with the committee.

THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

Q.—Ah! Well, what time did the committee meet? A.—Well, it got on to the evening pretty well.

Q.—About what time? A.—Perhaps 8:30 or 9.

Q.—How long was he gone before he returned with the committee? A.—A very few minutes.

Q.—Did you know the committee were coming here before they arrived? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—When did you first learn that fact? A.—Just a few moments before they arrived, or before Gen. Tracy left.

Q.—Just a few moments before Gen. Tracy left to get them? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You learned it then? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You said something about Mrs. Tilton going down stairs and Tracy going down stairs in your direct examination? A.—Yes.

Q.—What did you mean by that? A.—The committee came in and I showed them in to the parlor, and Gen. Tracy said where are Mrs. Ovington and Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—I did not ask you what Gen. Tracy said; I asked you the question what you meant in your direct examination by saying Mrs. Tilton went down stairs and Gen. Tracy went down stairs? A.—Oh, yes, he asked me the question where they were and he went—

Q.—Where who went? A.—Mrs. Ovington and Mrs. Tilton; I said they were down to supper, and he went down stairs and brought them up.

Q.—Where was the supper? A.—In the basement below.

Q.—And where were you when you said the committee came? A.—I was in the parlor I suppose, I think.

Q.—Well, Sir? A.—Or in the hall.

Q.—Was the committee there then? A.—Yes, Sir; the committee was in the room.

The cross-examination was here interrupted by the court, which said, Mr. Fullerton, will you allow me a moment?

Mr. Fullerton—Yes, Sir.

The Court—They want a witness in the next room who they suppose may be here.

The name of the witness having been called, the cross-examination was continued.

Q.—Did Gen. Tracy—was it tea or dinner? A.—Tea.

Q.—Did he take tea that night? A.—No, Sir, that I know of.

Q.—How? A.—He did not take tea at my house.

Q.—Were they taking tea as late as 8 o'clock? A.—No, Sir; we took tea much earlier.

Q.—How happens it, then, that Mrs. Ovington and Mrs. Tilton were down stairs at 8 o'clock, as you say, taking tea? A.—I understood that Mrs. Tilton wanted a cup of tea, and my wife took her down there.

Q.—When did you understand that? A.—I don't know how I understood it.

Q.—Are you quite sure you understood it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Sure of that? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—That was how much past 8 o'clock? A.—It must have been nearly 9 o'clock, I should think. Some remark was made about the late hour, or something of that kind.

WHY DID MR. TRACY GO DOWN STAIRS?

Q.—Mr. Tracy was a comparative stranger in your house, I understand? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—He had never been there before that? A.—I believe not.

Q.—Had he ever been presented to Mrs. Ovington until that night? A.—I think not, Sir.

Q.—Could not Mr. Tracy wait until Mrs. Tilton drank her cup of tea and come upstairs? A.—He did not come there—

Q.—How did it happen that this comparative stranger went down stairs after Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Ovington, down into the basement? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Why did you not go down for the ladies, as they were wanted? A.—I was entertaining the committee.

Q.—You were entertaining the committee? A.—Yes, Sir; I was entertaining the committee.

Q.—Could not Mr. Tracy entertain the committee as well as you could? A.—Much better.

Q.—Could you not have gone after your wife and the other lady as well as he? A.—I presume I could.

Q.—Now, do you know how long Mr. Tracy was down stairs when he went down after Mrs. Ovington and Mrs. Tilton, as you say? A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you a distinct recollection of the length of time? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Distinct recollection? A.—O, yes.

Q.—Then, tell us exactly how it was. A.—I remember that he just went down, and came up again without occupying more than two or three minutes.

Q.—Sure of that? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—That is indelibly impressed upon your recollection that that was the length of time? A.—O, not indelibly impressed.

Q.—You are very positive as to the length of time, are you? A.—That is my recollection.

Q.—May it not have been ten minutes? A.—No; I should have remembered it if it had been.

Q.—Well, when they came up stairs did you see any papers in Mr. Tracy's hands? A.—I don't remember to have seen any.

Q.—Did Mrs. Tilton give her statement there that night? A.—Yes.

WHO WERE PRESENT.

Q.—Now, who were present when that statement was given? A.—Mr. Sage, Mr. White, Mr. Claflin—I think the committee were all present.

Q.—I didn't limit the question to the committee. I want every person named who was present. A.—Mr. Winslow, Gen. Tracy; I think that was all, my wife and myself.

Q.—Have you now named all the persons who were present? A.—I think so.

Q.—How long did the committee sit? A.—I should judge about half an hour.

Q.—Now, Mr. Ovington, how long was this session of the committee before Mrs. Tilton came to your house to live permanently? A.—Mr. Storrs was present; I beg your pardon.

WHEN DID MRS. TILTON COME TO RESIDE AT HIS HOUSE?

Q.—How long after the meeting of this committee that you have now named, was it that Mrs. Tilton came to your house to reside permanently? A.—The second day; I think the second day following.

Q.—Do you know the day of the month when she did come? A.—I do not remember.

Q.—Can you state whether or not it was the 11th of July? A.—I think it was the 11th.

Q.—On the 11th of July. Then are you enabled by that to state with some degree of certainty the day of the meeting of the committee at your house? A.—The day of the month?

Q.—The day of the month, yes. A.—I don't remember the date.

Q.—Well, whenever that Mrs. Tilton came to your house to stay permanently. I want to ask you if you knew before she came that she was coming. A.—No, Sir.

Q.—In the morning, when she arrived early was it an entire surprise to you? A.—It was a surprise to us—yes, it was a surprise.

Q.—You had no intimation of her coming at all. A.—Not that she was coming to reside, no, Sir.

Q.—Well, had you any intimation that she was coming that morning? A.—My wife had told—no, Sir, not at all. We had not, that she was coming.

Q.—How? A.—We did not know that she was coming.

Q.—Did not know that she was coming at all? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Do you recollect when the publication first appeared of the appointment of the committee? A.—No, Sir; I do not.

Q.—Do you recollect whether it was not on the day on which Mrs. Tilton arrived at your house? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Do you recollect when you first saw it in print? A.—No, Sir.

Mr. Evarts—Do you mean to say that she arrived to stay?

Mr. Fullerton—Yes, certainly.

Q.—Have you no recollection when you first saw that publication? A.—I don't remember the day.

Mr. Hill—What publication?

Mr. Fullerton—The publication of the appointment of the committee.

Q.—You cannot state, with reference to the day when you first saw that publication, when it was that Mrs. Tilton came to your house? A.—No, Sir.

DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL VISITING MRS. TILTON.

Q.—Now you have spoken of some visits that were made to Mrs. Tilton while at your house. Will you state whether Mr. Tracy has called to see her? A.—At my house?

Q.—Yes. A.—Yes, Mr. Tracy called to see her.

Q.—How frequently? A.—O, I suppose he has made a dozen or fifteen calls there.

Q.—And at what time of the day generally? A.—Usually in the evening, perhaps.

Q.—Were these interviews alone? A.—Yes, usually.

Q.—How long did they last? A.—Some were very short, and others longer.

Q.—Well, state how long some of them lasted. A.—Half an hour, perhaps.

Q.—Did any other of the counsel for the defendant call to see Mrs. Tilton? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Name them, please. A.—Mr. Shearman.

Q.—How frequently has Mr. Shearman called? A.—About as frequently as Mr. Tracy.

Q.—How long were his interviews with her? A.—About the same, I should think.

Q.—Were those interviews with Mrs. Tilton alone? A.—Most of them, yes.

Q.—Now, any other of the counsel call to see her? A.—Mr. Hill has called.

Q.—How frequently? A.—His calls were made upon Mrs. Ovington, I think, however.

Q.—I did not ask about his calls. A.—Well, not very frequently.

Q.—He had interviews with Mrs. Tilton, had he? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Alone? A.—I think very rarely alone.

Q.—Well, some of them were alone? A.—I don't remember how that is.

Q.—You are not home in the daytime? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—You don't know what calls he made during your absence? A.—No, I would only hear about them.

Q.—Did any other counsel for the defendant call than you have named? A.—Upon Mrs. Tilton? I think not.

Q.—Do you know? A.—I think Mr. Evarts and Mr. Porter called once. I heard about it. I don't know.

MR. BEECHER CALLED ONCE.

Q.—You were not home? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Has Mr. Beecher called since she came to your house? A.—He made one.

Q.—When was that? A.—I think it was a day or two after her appearing before the committee.

Q.—How many days, as near as you can recollect? A.—Perhaps five days.

Q.—Were you present? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Were you home when he called? A.—No, Sir; I was not.

Q.—Have you not been home at any time when he called since she has been at your house? A.—That is his only call that I have ever heard of.

Q.—You don't know of any other call? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Has he made any calls at your house since Mrs. Tilton was there? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—None that you know of? A.—Except that one that I just referred to.

Q.—Do you know on what day of the week that was? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—H'm? A.—I do not.

Q.—Do not you know that he called before Mrs. Tilton went before the committee? A.—I don't know that he did; no, Sir.

Q.—Have you no knowledge upon that subject? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—How? A.—I never heard that he called, and I certainly should have heard if he had.

Q.—I am talking about a call before Mrs. Tilton went before the committee? A.—Oh, I know that he did not.

Q.—You know—? A.—I know that he did not.

Q.—Even when you were absent, you know it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—That is, when you were down at your store during the day, you know that Mr. Beecher did not call at your house? A.—I know my wife would have told me, if he had.

Q.—In that state of things, are you willing to say positively that he did not call during the day? A.—Yes, Sir.

WHERE HAVE THE CHILDREN BEEN?

Q.—Now, Mr. Ovington, where have Mrs. Tilton's children been since she came to your house? A.—Two of them—Alice and Carroll—for the most part at the Gunnery.

Q.—Where? A.—At the Gunnery, at Washington, Conn.

Q.—They went off to the country? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Very well, when did they go? A.—(After a pause on the part of the witness)—When did they go? I should think in September.

Q.—September last? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—There ever since? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, the other children, where have they been? A.—The youngest one, Ralph, has been with us—with his mother, with us.

Q.—During the whole time? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Well, that does not embrace the whole Tiltons? A.—Florence, I cannot say where she has been.

Q.—You can say that she has not been at your house? A.—She has not been at our house.

Q.—How old is she? A.—Seventeen, I believe.

Q.—Has not she been at your house since Mrs. Tilton came there? A.—Been to call upon her mother.

Q.—How frequently? A.—An average of about once a fortnight, I should say.

Q.—How? A.—An average of about once a fortnight, or in ten days.

Q.—Up to within what time? A.—Up to within about three weeks.

Q.—Do you recollect of her calling on one occasion and asking you for her mother, when she was absent from your house? A.—I do not remember it—no, Sir.

Q.—Do you recollect that you refused to tell her where her mother was, when she called? A.—No. Sir.

Q.—You know nothing of such a circumstance? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Do not you know that the eldest child, Florence, is with her father? A.—I have heard so; yes, Sir.

Q.—Have you been at Mrs. Tilton's house since Mrs. Tilton has come to your house? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Are you quite sure that you did not refuse to tell Florence where her mother was? A.—I am.

Q.—Do you recollect of her coming to your house upon any occasion and inquiring particularly for her mother, when her mother was absent? A.—I do not recall it now.

Q.—And did not you afterward apologize for it—for not telling her? A.—I don't remember that I did.

Q.—Do you recollect of anything taking place between you and Florence with reference to the whereabouts of her mother at any time? A.—Yes; I think that Florence sent a messenger to me, requesting me to say where her mother was; I think I wrote her a letter, which I sent by this messenger, advising her not to go to her mother at present.

Q.—Yes. Well, where was her mother then? A.—I believe at Fairfield, or at this other place that I cannot recall the name of.

Q.—What reason had you for advising the child not to go to her mother? A.—The mother was anxious that her whereabouts should not be known, that she might be quiet.

Q.—You did not want even her child to see her? A.—I had no preference in the matter; I knew her mother's feelings.

Q.—You did not tell Florence where the mother was? A.—I sent this letter by a messenger, advising her not to go to her mother at present.

Q.—You did not inform her? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—You would recognize that note if you saw it? A.—Oh! yes; that is my recollection.

HIS CONNECTION WITH PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

Q.—Now, what connection have you had, if any, with Plymouth Church? A.—I have been a member for ten or eleven years.

Q.—You held no office in the church? A.—Never, until recently, except in the Sabbath-school.

Q.—How recently have you filled office? A.—Since the 1st of January.

Q.—Of the present year? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And to what office were you elected then? A.—A deacon.

Q.—Of Plymouth Church? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Is your wife a member of the church? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Both regular attendants and communicants? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And how long have you been communicants? A.—For ten years—ten or eleven years, I should think.

Q.—How? A.—Ten or eleven years.

THE FIRST INTERVIEW WITH MR. TILTON.

Q.—You have spoken of some interviews which you had with Mr. Tilton. Will you state when the first interview was, as near as you can recollect? A.—It was on Sunday—the first Sunday after the publication of the Tilton-Bacon letter.

A.—And where was that interview? A.—In front of his house.

Q.—In the street? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Any one with you and him? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—You two were together? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And how long did that interview last? A.—I should say ten minutes.

Q.—Were you passing by? A.—No, Sir; I was driving—driving out.

Q.—And stopped? A.—Stopped; yes, Sir.

Q.—Where was Mr. Tilton when you stopped? A.—Mr. Tilton came out of his house and came down to the carriage to speak to me.

Q.—After you stopped? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You stopped, then, to see him? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—This was on Sunday? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—This meeting was purely accidental? A.—No, Sir, it was not purely accidental.

Q.—Then you will explain how it happened? A.—We were in the habit of driving on pleasant Sundays for my wife's health, and my wife had desired to see Mrs. Tilton, and requested me to stop there; she got out and spoke to her—went into the house, and while she was in Mr. Tilton came out and spoke to me.

Q.—Well, then, was not your meeting with Mr. Tilton accidental? A.—Well, yes; it was in that sense; yes, Sir.

Mr. Evarts—(Inaudible.)

Mr. Fullerton—And he has described it as not accidental.

Q.—How long do you say that interview lasted? A.—I should think ten or fifteen minutes.

Q.—The Tilton-Bacon letter, then, was the subject of the conversation during that interview, was it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did Mr. Tilton send for you on that day, to come and see him? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Didn't you so state on your direct examination? A.—No, Sir. I did not; that was at the subsequent interview of Tuesday.

Q.—Well, did Mr. Tilton make any complaints on that day at the manner in which he had been treated with reference to Plymouth Church? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did he say he had been badly treated? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did he say that he had been made to appear in a false light?

Mr. Hill (interrupting)—A single moment; which interview are you speaking of?

Mr. Fullerton—On the Sunday when he was out riding with his wife.

The Witness—He said he was badly treated by Mr. Beecher and Plymouth Church; put them together in that way.

Q.—Did he say he was made to appear in a false light? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did he say that he had been called a dog, and a fool? A.—I think he did use that expression.

Q.—Did he say that he had been shown up as a knave, falsely? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And in what way did he say all this had been done? A.—He did not explain how, I think.

Q.—Did not he say Mr. Beecher was responsible for it? A.—Yes, Sir; I think he did.

Q.—Did not he say Mr. Beecher could have prevented it if he had tried? A.—I don't remember that expression.

Q.—Didn't he say that in substance? A.—I think he did.

Q.—Didn't he say Mr. Beecher should have controlled his own congregation—his own people—and not permitted them to slander him in that kind of a way? A.—I believe so; yes, Sir.

Q.—Didn't he say that inasmuch as Mr. Beecher did not protect him as he might have done that he should protect himself? A.—That he should slay Mr. Beecher, I think.

Q.—Didn't he say he should protect himself? A.—I don't remember that; very likely he did.

Q.—Didn't he say he should take care of himself? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And didn't he say that in doing so he should tell the truth? A.—I don't remember that expression.

Q.—Didn't he say that in substance. A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Didn't he say that he should tell what had occurred; lay the whole thing before them? A.—I don't remember that language.

Q.—Did not he say that, and then add "if I do, it will slay Mr. Beecher? A.—I don't remember it; he may have said so.

Q.—In what connection did he say he would slay Mr. Beecher? A.—He said if Mr. Beecher did not do his duty—Plymouth Church didn't stop throwing mud at him—or some such expression, I will slay Mr. Beecher.

Q.—Now, didn't he add how he was going to do it; by publishing the truth? A.—He said if he published the rest of the letter it would be fatal to Mr. Beecher.

Q.—The rest of what letter? A.—Of the portion of the letter which he copied in the Tilton-Beecher communication.

Q.—It is a letter written through Mr. Moulton? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Jan., 18/0—1871? A. Yes, Sir, or—

Q.—Then he was going to slay him, was he, by publishing the whole of Mr. Beecher's letter? A.—He said that would have that effect upon him.

Mr. Fullerton—Yes.—[To the Court.]—That gives me an appetite, Sir, and I propose to suspend.

A recess was then ordered until 2 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS.

At 2:15 the cross-examination of Mr. Ovington was resumed as follows:

Mr. Fullerton—I will continue to direct your attention to the first interview between yourself and Mr. Tilton in front of his house. In your direct examination you stated that Mr. Tilton observed to you that Mr. Beecher knew that he was a magnanimous man instead of being a knave and a dog. In what respect did he say he was magnanimous? A.—I don't remember that he explained that.

Q.—Do you recollect anything that he said upon that subject? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Didn't he say that he had not charged Mr. Beecher with the whole truth, or something to that effect? A.—I don't remember that.

Q.—Did you reply when he made use of that observation? A.—I said that he owed it to his wife and Mr. Beecher and himself, to publish the whole of that letter.

Q.—What did he reply to that? A.—He said if he did Mr. Beecher would have to leave Brooklyn.

Q.—Had you read the part of the letter which had been published? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You knew what it was, so far as published? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—In your direct examination you said that Mr. Tilton made use of some words implying a threat if Mr. Beecher did not do what was right—what did Tilton say that Mr. Beecher ought to do that would be right? A.—I cannot recall; I don't know that he explained what he ought to do.

Q.—Did he not say in substance that Mr. Beecher should protect him from such accusations as Dr. Bacon had made against him, or that Plymouth Church was making against him? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Was there nothing said upon that subject by him? A.—I think he simply said that Mr. Beecher and Plymouth Church should do him justice.

Q.—He did not say in what respect? A.—I think not.

Q.—He observed that Elizabeth had made a fine impression upon the committee, I understood you to say? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Will you state again how long after the committee met, and Mrs. Tilton was before them, that he made this observation? A.—I think it was the second day after Mrs. Tilton had made her statement.

Q.—What did you reply to him when he made that observation? A.—I don't remember of my replying; my wife may have said something; I don't recall.

Q.—I ask you what you said? A.—All that I said—

Q.—Was anything said by Mr. Tilton to this effect, that he was pleased that his wife had vindicated herself? A.—I don't remember that.

Q.—You say he spoke of his wife telling an untruth? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—In what respect did he say she had told untruths? A.—He simply said that it was a fiction, that it was untrue, a lie.

Q.—Did you understand in that conversation what Mrs. Tilton had testified to or had stated before the committee? A.—I understood what she had stated before the committee; yes.

Q.—It was to the effect that Mr. Beecher was innocent, was it not? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—It was that that Mr. Tilton characterized as false, was it not? A.—I presume so.

Q.—Didn't you so understand it? A.—Yes; I think I did.

Q.—When was this second interview that you have spoken of; how long after the first? A.—About a week, I should think.

Q.—Where did that take place? A.—That is this interview that you speak of in the piazza?

Q.—The second interview that you have spoken of in your direct examination. A.—No, Sir; the second one was at Mr. Tilton's house.

Q.—How long after the first interview? A.—Two days.

Q.—How did it happen that you were at Mr. Tilton's house? A.—O! I called there to see them—curiosity, perhaps.

Q.—Curiosity! Did your wife go with you for curiosity? A.—My wife didn't go with me.

Q.—What was your curiosity? A.—I had a question to ask Mrs. Tilton in regard to a woman—a protégé of her's—that she had placed in a vacant house of mine. I went to question her about that somewhat.

Q.—You made that as an excuse for going, didn't you? A.—Well, perhaps.

WHAT DID HE GO THERE FOR?

Q.—What was your real object? A.—I had no real object further than that I thought I would like to speak with her on the subject in regard to this woman that was in my house.

Q.—Was that your real object in going? Had you no other object? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Not at all? A.—Just merely wanted to see Mrs. Tilton and Mr. Tilton.

Q.—On a business matter? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Then, why did you tell me a moment ago you went for curiosity? A.—That in addition to business matters.

Q.—What was the curiosity in addition to the business matter? A.—To see Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—You had seen Mrs. Tilton before, hadn't you? A.—I think not.

Q.—Never had seen her before? A.—Oh, never before? I had just returned from Europe; I had not seen her for four or five months, perhaps.

Q.—How would seeing her satisfy your curiosity—did you think she had changed during your absence in Europe? A.—I thought likely she might have.

Q.—And you went to see how much she had changed—that was it? A.—I suppose so.

Q.—Eh? A.—I went to see her.

Q.—Was it to see what change had taken place during your absence? A.—I could not tell you.

Q.—Mr. Ovington, will you be kind enough to tell us what you did go there for? A.—I cannot tell you any more than I have told you.

Q.—You went out of curiosity? A.—Had a desire to see Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—You wanted to see them both? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—When did that desire seize you first—how soon after your return from Europe? A.—I had not thought of it until the publication of the letter.

Q.—What letter? A.—The Tilton-Bacon letter.

Q.—Did any one ask you to go? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Any one suggest that you should go? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Quite sure? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You went of your own motion? A.—Entirely so.

Q.—Didn't you want to find out something about the Tilton-Bacon letter? A.—I wanted to talk to Mr. and Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—Didn't you want to find out something about that letter? A.—I wanted to find out how Mrs. Tilton felt in regard to it, yes.

Q.—How Mrs. Tilton felt in regard to the Bacon letter? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—That was it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Why didn't you tell me so a moment ago? A.—Because that was not the sole object of my going.

Q.—It was part? A.—Yes, it was part.

Q.—That was the "curious" part? A.—Perhaps so.

Q.—Did you interrogate Mrs. Tilton about the Bacon letter? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Why? A.—She didn't seem to be in a mood to speak at all; very much depressed, evidently.

Q.—Her husband was present, wasn't he? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Was that the reason you didn't ask her about it? A.—Perhaps, so; I don't know.

Q.—Really, was it so? A.—He was talking with me in regard to these matters.

Q.—I am aware of that. Is that the reason you didn't talk to her? A.—I presume if she had been alone I might have talked with her about it.

Q.—Now, Mr. Ovington, have you not told us already that you went there on that occasion at the request of Mr. Tilton? A.—I may have said—I have a recollection that my wife told me Mrs. Tilton wanted to see me, but whether it was previous to that I cannot recall—some message that was brought.

Q.—Didn't you tell us on your direct examination that you went to see Mr. Tilton on the occasion that I am now calling your attention to, because Mr. Tilton called for you? A.—I think I did.

Q.—Is that true, that you went because he sent for you? A.—I cannot remember; I cannot recall.

Q.—If you cannot remember it, why did you say so? A.—That was the impression on my mind at the time.

Q.—Is it your impression now? A.—I do not remember when this message came from my wife.

Q.—Is it your impression now? A.—I cannot answer the question now in that way.

Q.—You don't know whether it is your impression now or not? A.—It is my impression.

Q.—If it is your impression, you are able to state that it was because of that invitation? A.—Partly because of that, if that invitation was given prior to that interview; but I cannot recall whether it was or not.

Q.—You cannot recall; then you don't know anything about it? A.—Oh, yes.

Q.—Well, tell us—did you go to see Mr. Tilton on that day because Mr. Tilton sent for you, or because you went out of curiosity; or was it all three mixed together? A.—Well, probably it was all three mixed together.

Q.—When Mr. Tilton sent for you, you thought you would go out of curiosity or on business—how is that? A.—Well, I do not understand the question.

Q.—I don't think I should understand your answer, if you gave it, so I will pass it by. A.—If so, you had better not ask it.

Q.—Are you quite sure you went there at all? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Are you quite sure you held a conversation with Mr. Tilton on that occasion? A.—That I held a conversation—

Q.—With Mr. or Mrs. Tilton? A.—I am.

WHAT THE CONVERSATION WAS.

Q.—Will you tell us what that conversation was? A.—I first asked Mr. Tilton in regard to this woman that was in my house; he said he was ignorant of it, but would speak with Elizabeth, as he said; so he called Mrs. Tilton; Mrs. Tilton came down, and I asked her a few questions in regard to that, and then I made some remark to Mr. Tilton about regretting that he was in this trouble; and the other conversation—

Mr. Hill—Speak louder, please.

The Witness (in a slightly louder tone)—He then went on to say that it was Mr. Beecher's own doings and he was willing to stop right there, if Plymouth Church and Mr. Beecher would desist from any further movements in the matter; that was the substance of it; I can't recall the words.

Q.—He wanted to quit, then, if they would? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—He did not want to slay them unless they went on? A.—Well, if they did go on he would slay.

Q.—If they did go on, then he would slay—that is the idea, is it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—It was a conditional promise, then? [After a long pause by the witness.] He did not propose to do anything unless Plymouth Church did something first—was not that it? A.—Well, yes, I think it was something like that.

Q.—Now, Mr. Ovington, let us go back a little, to a topic already presented to you—do you remember whether you took Mrs. Tilton out riding the day before she came to your house to stay permanently? A.—I remember I did not.

Q.—Did you not, within three days after Mrs. Tilton went before the committee, take Mrs. Tilton out riding? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Do you recollect what occurred on the 9th of July? A.—I cannot recall.

Q.—Don't you know that your wife took Mrs. Tilton out riding on the 9th of July, and on the 10th of July also? A.—I do not remember that she did; what day of the week was it?

Q.—I don't know. A.—Well, I don't; so we are both taken in on that.

Q.—Did not my business to know when your wife went riding? You recollect the day before Mrs. Tilton came to stay at your house permanently that your wife took her to Coney Island, or somewhere near that place, riding? A.—I think she did; she took her out riding; I do not know where she went to.

Q.—Do not you know she was gone the most of the day? A.—That I do not remember.

Q.—You were not along, were you? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Don't you know where she went? A.—I do not.

Q.—Do you know whom they saw while they were absent? A.—No, Sir, I do not.

HE DID NOT KNOW MRS. TILTON WAS COMING TO THE HOUSE.

Q.—And do you now say that you did not know that Mrs. Tilton was coming to your house, or have any intimation to that effect before she arrived there that morning after that ride? A.—I did not know that she was coming to the house to stay.

Q.—Did you know she was coming to the house? A.—I do not remember whether I did or not.

Q.—Did you have an intimation that she was coming to the house? A.—No, Sir; I know I was surprised when she came there.

Q.—Why did you say a moment ago that you did not know she was coming to stay? A.—My wife had invited her to come at any time—to come in at any time—to come to stay at any time.

Q.—How long? A.—To stay how long?

Q.—Yes; permanently. A.—If it was necessary, yes, Sir; if she wished to.

Q.—Did you hear your wife give her that invitation? A.—I do not remember that I did.

Q.—Did you join in any such invitation to Mrs. Tilton to come and stay permanently, if it was necessary? A.—I may have done so.

Q.—Well, do not you recollect something of that kind was said by you, or your wife in your presence? A.—I do not think I said so to Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—As near as you can recollect, what was said on that subject? A.—I do not think I said anything.

Q.—What did your wife say to her in your presence? A.—Nothing, I think.

Q.—What you know about Mrs. Tilton's being invited to come to your house was learned through your wife? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—How long did you hear anything upon this subject before Mrs. Tilton did actually come? A.—I think a day or two previous.

Q.—Any one present when that information was given to you? A.—I believe not.

Q.—Well, you rather expected that Mrs. Tilton would come to your house and stay before she actually came, did you not? A.—I thought it possible that she might.

Q.—Yes, and stay permanently? A.—I thought it possible; yes, Sir.

Q.—And when did you first make up your mind that that was possible? A.—When she told us the morning that she did come.

Q.—When she told you the morning that she did come that it was possible that she might come? A.—That she had come.

Q.—Well, that was not a possibility; it was a reality? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—I ask you how long before she did come was it when you thought that it was possible she might come—how many days before? A.—Oh, two or three days before.

Q.—And what enabled you to come

Mrs. Tilton and for the fitting out of the children in the way of clothes, I suppose? A.—Yes, Sir; I think so; some small moneys have been sent to the children; small amounts have been sent to the children.

Q.—Through you? A.—Mrs. Tilton has sent them.

Q.—Mrs. Tilton has sent them? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—How much of that money did you place at Mrs. Tilton's disposal at any one time? A.—I only handed her money as she asked for it.

Q.—Did you keep an account of what you handed to her? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Will you be able to tell to-morrow morning how much you have given her personally? A.—No, Sir, I think not.

Q.—Have you collected money from any other source except Augustus Storrs? A.—That is all.

Q.—Have you had a promise of any from any other source? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—How? A.—I have not had a promise from any other source.

Q.—Have you not asked for money from other persons? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Or suggested to some other person or persons that he or they should give you money on that account? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Have you not complained that you were left to take charge of this family without any contribution toward it except what Mr. Storrs gave you? No, Sir.

Q.—Nothing of that kind. A.—No, Sir.

The Clerk of the Court here interrupted to ask, "Is Dr. Trezue in the room—T-r-e-z-u-e?" No response.

Q.—This Mr. Augustus Storrs that you speak of was one of the Plymouth Church Committee of Investigation, was he not? A.—Yes, Sir.

MRS. TILTON'S HABIT OF GOING OUT.

Q.—One word with regard to Mrs. Tilton's habit of going out while at your house. Did she go out at times, to your knowledge, alone? A.—I think she came around to the store occasionally alone.

Mr. Evarts—Your store?

Witness—Generally with the children, or one of them.

Mr. Fullerton—But she has come to your store alone? A.—She may have done so.

Q.—But you just told me she did do so. A.—She may have done so.

Q.—What do you say about it? Did she or not come to your store alone? A.—I can't recall any instance.

Q.—Did you ever see her in the street alone since she came to your house? A.—I never saw her in the street alone, no, Sir.

Q.—Were you ever at home at any time when she left your house alone? A.—No, Sir, not that I remember of.

Q.—Not since she has been at your house? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did you ever call for her at any place and bring her to your place? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did you ever leave the city with her and go to any place? A.—No, Sir.

This closed the cross-examination.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION.

The re-direct examination was conducted by Mr. Hill as follows:

Q.—Do you know, Mr. Ovington, whether the children were sent to the school at Washington with Mr. Tilton's approval? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Well, how was it? Was it with his approval? A.—With his approval; yes, Sir.

Q.—Can you recollect what day of the week it was when Mrs. Tilton went before the committee? A.—I am exceedingly bad in days and dates; I can't remember.

Q.—I simply desire you to fix either the day of the month or the day of the week, if you can? A.—The 6th, I think.

Q.—Now, can you fix the day of the week? A.—I cannot.

Q.—Was it Monday? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Can you, now, fix the day when Mrs. Tilton came to your house early in the morning, when she came, as you say, to stay permanently—the day of the week or the day of the month? A.—It strikes me it was the 11th.

Q.—Saturday? A.—Saturday morning.

Q.—Saturday morning, the 11th? A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, from that, can you fix—can you determine, the day of the week upon which she came?

Mr. Evarts—We can all fix that for ourselves.

Mr. Hill—Very well.

Q.—Mr. Ovington, do you know yourself anything about the invitation to Mrs. Tilton to come to your house to stay permanently or otherwise, from anything that occurred in your presence? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—You were asked, Mr. Ovington, why it was that you thought it possible that she might come to stay permanently at your house. What was that, if any other reason there was? A.—My wife had told me that she had extended the invitation to Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—Any reason for extending that invitation? If so, give it.

Mr. Beach—We object to it.

Mr. Hill—I don't care particularly to press it.

Q.—You were asked when you had been calling on Mrs. Tilton prior to the time or immediately after the publication of the Bacon letter, and I think you stated that you had been to Europe? When did you return from Europe? A.—The 23d of June.

Q.—How long had you been absent? A.—About four months.

Q.—You have been asked with reference to Mrs. Tilton's going away during the Summer. Can you recollect when she went away—I mean when she went out of the city to stay any length of time? A.—No, Sir, except that it was the latter part of July or the 1st of August; in August, probably.

Q.—In August. Now, can you state whether or not there were a great many applications by people at your house for interviews with Mrs. Tilton and with members of the family about that time? A.—Yes, Sir; there were.

Q.—Now state the reason why Mrs. Tilton went away from the City? A.—She said—

Mr. Beach—That is objected to. One moment!

Judge Neilson—You cannot state the reason.

Mr. Evarts—The idea must have been, if there was any force in the cross-examination, that this lady had been sent away in a private way, and with the purpose of concealment from her husband, or her daughter, or somebody. The point is that she had gone away to avoid the publication or the publicity that the newspapers brought on her.

Judge Neilson—I will exclude the question.

Mr. Hill—Do you remember whether Florence came to see her mother after her return? A.—Oh, yes, Sir.

Q.—And did Mr. Tilton see her also? A.—Did Mr. Tilton see his wife?

Q.—Yes? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—I mean after her return from the country? [The witness hesitated.] Or don't you remember about that? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—Was there ever any effort to prevent Florence from seeing her mother at your house, so far as you know? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—None at all? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Now, Sir, do you know from Mr. Tilton, or otherwise, whether Florence visited her mother at Washington?

Mr. Fullerton—If he knows of his own knowledge, he can state it.

Mr. Hill—I am following your illustrious example.

Mr. Beach—We object to the question.

Mr. Fullerton—Mine was a cross-examination.

Mr. Beach—We object to the word "otherwise."

Mr. Hill—Do you know it from Mr. Tilton—ever conversed with him about it? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Do you know whether or not Miss Florence went with her mother to Fairfield? A.—She did not go with her.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with Miss Florence about her mother being at Fairfield?

Mr. Beach—That is objected to.

Mr. Hill—That is unreasonable, because all the talk has been about that.

Mr. Fullerton—Well, the objection is that it is unreasonable, Sir.

The Court—I think he may answer that question.

Q.—Well, Mr. Ovington, what do you say?

Mr. Evarts—What is the question?

Mr. Hill—Let the stenographer read.

The stenographer read the question, as follows: "Did you have any conversation with Florence about her mother being at Fairfield?"

Mr. Fullerton—I think your Honor didn't mean to admit that question.

The Court—If he gave her notice that she was at Fairfield, that would qualify the letter.

Mr. Hill—Fairfield, or Washington, I will make it.

The Court—If it was after writing the letter, that would make it pertinent.

Mr. Evarts—Mr. Ovington, if you know, please tell us; if you don't know, say so.

The Witness—What is the question?

Mr. Shearman—The question is, Did you speak to Miss Florence Tilton about her mother being at Fairfield or Washington after this? A.—I gave Miss Florence her direction in Fairfield, and she started off to join her mother; I gave her the direction where she was and how to reach it.

Q.—Do you know whether Miss Florence went with her mother to Washington? A.—Yes, she did.

RE-CROSS EXAMINATION.

By Mr. Fullerton—You say there was no effort to prevent Florence visiting her mother at any time? A.—At my house, the question was.

Q.—Yes. A.—No, Sir, not by me.

Q.—Has there been no such effort? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Has not she been denied your house during the last six weeks? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Has not she been forbidden to come to your house within the last six or eight weeks? A.—Have I forbidden her, or my wife?

Q.—I didn't ask that. A.—I understand that Mrs. Tilton has advised her not to come.

Q.—Advised her not to come? A.—Yes.

Q.—And she has not come since that advice was given, has she? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—When did you give the direction of her mother to Florence? A.—While she was at Fairfield.

Q.—Don't you know you gave her the wrong direction? A.—I did, but not knowingly. Meantime she had left there and gone to another place.

Q.—You gave her a direction which was not a correct one, was it? A.—It was a correct one if she had not in the meantime left there.

Q.—If Mrs. Tilton was there it was correct? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—If she was not there, it was not? A.—It was correct, but she had left without my knowledge.

Q.—And Florence didn't see her? A.—Not at that time; no, Sir.

Q.—Who kept you informed as to where Mrs. Tilton was? A.—Yes; my wife wrote me after she had left that place.

Q.—So that Miss Florence took that journey for nothing? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—This letter that I have shown you I now hand to you again, and ask when it was written. A.—I could not give you the date.

Q.—Can you give me the month when it was written? A.—No, Sir. I presume it was in August, but I could not say positively.

Q.—Was Mrs. Tilton at Fairfield when that letter was written? A.—I think she was. I am not positive.

Mr. Fullerton—That is all.

TESTIMONY OF MR. RUFUS E. HOLMES.

Mr. Rufus E. Holmes being sworn, was examined as follows by Mr. Hill:

Q.—Where do you reside? A.—Winsted, Conn.

Q.—What is your business? A.—Banking—Vice President of the Twelfth National Bank.

Q.—How long have you resided at Winsted? A.—Twenty-four or twenty-five years.

Q.—How long have you been a banker and Vice President of a bank? A.—I have been connected with the bank—with one or the other of the banks for twenty years or over.

Q.—Were you connected with the Young Men's Christian Association during the lecture season of 1869–70? A.—I was.

Q.—What relation did you sustain to it? A.—I was President of it.

Q.—Do you know Theodore Tilton? A.—I do by sight.

Q.—Do you recollect his lecturing there in 1869, in the month of December? A.—I do.

Q.—Who met him when he came there? A.—Do you mean at the depot?

Q.—Yes. A.—I did.

Q.—Did you escort him to the hotel? A.—I did. I went there with a carriage, and rode with him to the hotel.

Q.—Do you recollect whether or not a lady came with him? A.—There did.

Q.—About how old a person, and how large? Was she a grown person? A.—I should judge twenty-seven or twenty-eight years old.

Q.—What did you do in entertaining Mr. Tilton while he was there? A.—Well, Sir, I made arrangements at the Beardsley House.

Mr. Beach—I object to what arrangements were made.

Q.—You took him to the Beardsley House? A.—I did.

Q.—Did you see him register? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Where were you when he registered? A.—I was in the hall of the hotel, or at the front door of it.

Q.—You were in his company? A.—I was in his company; I was at the hotel.

Mr. Fullerton—I don't think, Sir, we ought to go into these side issues; this case is going to be long enough without that. This is irrelevant matter which they inquire about, and which we cannot contradict.

Mr. Evarts—Wait until it appears what we are going to do. That will be time to raise the question, no doubt.

Mr. Fullerton—Well, I beg leave to take my own time to do that, because this is the just the time. I say it is immaterial.

The Court—If this relates to anything imputing bad conduct to the plaintiff, then I should not regard it as collateral, and should allow the evidence. Many things have been inquired about as if with a view to contradict, of a different nature from what it would be being collateral simply. I think anything affecting the plaintiff in his conduct and moral views cannot be deemed as collateral, provided it is material otherwise. It simply goes to the question of damages, nothing else.

Mr. Fullerton—Very well.

WHAT MR. HOLMES SAW WHEN HE CAME TO THE ROOM.

Q.—Mr. Holmes, did you call upon Mr. Tilton that afternoon? A.—I did.

Q.—By arrangement with him? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—State what you did when you called upon him. Give the transaction just as it occurred. A.—I went to the door of his room, and knocked upon it; but there was no reply. I knocked again, and there was no reply. I don't know whether I knocked a third time. I think I turned to go away, and, after a step or two, I heard something inside, as of some one moving.

Q.—Well? A.—And I stopped, and the door opened a short distance, and a lady appeared there.

Q.—Had you seen her before? A.—I had; it was the same lady that came with Mr. Tilton.

Q.—Proceed. A.—I said to her, Mr. Tilton said he would like to see the church where he was going to speak, and I called for that purpose. She said, "He is lying down to rest." I said I would come again. Mr. Tilton spoke from the inside and says, "Hold on, Mr. Holmes; I will go with you now." Upon that the lady opened the door wide.

Q.—Well, did you go into the room? A.—I did not; I stood at the door.

Q.—Could you see into the room? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, what was Mr. Tilton's condition, as to dress? A.—Well, Sir, Mr. Tilton lay on the bed, the clothes were turned down over the foot of the bed, all but the under sheet; he lay upon the back side of the bed.

Q.—How was he dressed? A.—He had nothing on that was visible but his shirt and pants and stockings.

Q.—Well, Sir, what was the appearance of the lady as to her dress? A.—Her hair had the appearance of being dishevelled, and her dress somewhat, so much so that I noticed it.

Q.—Now, Sir, was there anything said, any explanation made while you were inside of the room, or while you were at the door, rather? A.—About what, do you mean?

Q.—As to their resting? A.—Oh, yes.

Q.—Well, give it? A.—Mr. Tilton said that the lady had been reading him to sleep.

Q.—State what they had been reading? A.—I think, *Paradise Lost.* [Laughter.]

Q.—What happened next? A.—Mr. Tilton got up and proceeded to dress himself, and then accompanied me down to the church; that was almost across the road from the hotel; we went into the church, and spent a few moments there, and then went out, and I think from there we went to the furniture store of Mr. S. B. Forbes, whom I introduced to Mr. Tilton.

Q.—You showed him about the village? A.—I don't think further than that; I left him at Mr. Forbes', I think.

Q.—Now, I want to ask you if there was anything of the appearance of the "little girl" about this lady there? A.—Not at all.

Q.—Full grown person? A.—A full grown person.

Mr. Hill—That's all.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

By Mr. Fullerton—Were you President of the Christian Association at that time? A.—Yes.

Q.—How long have you filled that position? A.—I don't know exactly. I should think for two years, perhaps; a year or two.

Q.—After that how long did you fill that position? A.—As long as it was in existence.

Q.—Did it go out of existence? A.—So far as having any organization—any continued organization by the election of officers every year—it went out of existence. It still maintains a reading-room, or one is maintained by those who were members of it.

Q.—Yes; but not as a body or association? A.—It has no regular meetings.

Q.—It has no President? A.—No.

Q.—How long did it continue its existence after this affair that you have spoken of? A.—I could not tell you positively, but I think another year.

Q.—Well, you went to the room door? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—I understand you knocked? A.—I did.

Q.—You did not try the door? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Knocked twice, I understand you? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And heard no noise? A.—I heard no noise until after—

Q.—I understand—how long had you, or how far had you gone from the door until you did hear a noise inside? A.—Possibly a step or two—I had just turned away from it.

Q.—Taken a step or two? A.—Possibly a step.

Q.—And what was the nature of the noise you heard first—a human voice? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—A chair moving? A.—A rustling or moving—I could not say it was a chair, or what.

Q.—You don't know what it was? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—If it had not been for the noise you would have gone your way? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And been none the wiser? A.—Yes, Sir; I presume so.

Q.—And after you heard the noise what did you do? A.—I stopped and waited.

Q.—And what occurred then? A.—The door opened.

Q.—Voluntarily? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You did not knock again? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—And this lady showed herself? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—At the door? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—In full view? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—So that you could see her? A.—So that I could see that it was a lady.

Q.—And what did she say, or what did you say? A.—I said to her that Mr. Tilton had requested me to accompany him to the church, or had said that he wanted to see the church where he expected to lecture that evening.

Q.—He expected you? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—He made an appointment with you to call? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Was the hour named when you were to call? A.—I said to him, when the appointment was made, "I will come in the course of an hour or two."

Q.—Did you? A.—I did.

Q.—At the time appointed? A. Yes, Sir, about that.

Q.—When you said this to the lady did she make any reply? A.—Not that I remember; she said that he had lain down to rest—she said that—

Q.—Would you have known that unless she had told you? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—What season of the year was this? A.—It was in the Winter.

Q.—What month? A.—I think in December.

Q.—And then, when she said that, what next occurred? A.—I said, "I will come again;" then Mr. Tilton spoke from the inside; he said, "Wait a little, Holmes;" or, "wait a moment; I will go now."

Q.—He then prevented you from going away? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You would have gone only for that? A.—I suppose so.

Q.—And did he say anything about your coming in? A.—I do not think he said anything; I do not think I went in.

Q.—He simply said "wait." Where was the bed with reference to the door? A.—It was back of it.

Q.—You could not see the bad, when she spoke to you? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Nor when he spoke to you first? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—You could not see it—you did not see it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—The lady threw the door open so that you could see it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And you would not have seen Tilton, where he was, except that she did throw the door open? A.—I should not.

Q.—All this was exposed to your view, then, by Tilton and the lady? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And when she threw the door open so that you could see the bed, and see Mr. Tilton, what was said? A.—I don't remember anything being said.

Q.—Did you say anything? A.—He said that he would—please ask the question again.

Q.—After the door was thrown open, and the bed and Mr. Tilton were exposed to your view, what was said by any one? A.—I do not remember anything being said until he spoke of her reading.

Q.—And where were you standing then? A.—At the door.

Q.—The clothes were turned over the bed? A.—Over the foot of the bed.

Q.—Was he not in the act of getting up then? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—He was not in the act of getting up then? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Lying still? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Uncovered? A.—Uncovered.

Q.—There was no effort at concealment, was there, Mr. Holmes? A.—No, Sir, not after the door was opened.

Q.—Was there any effort at concealment before the door was opened? A.—That is a matter of impression; the door was opened very narrowly indeed.

Q.—Narrow enough for you to see the lady? A.—That was very narrow.

Q.—Did you want to see anything else? A.—I did not want to see her.

Q.—Then what you did see was exposed to your view by herself? A.—Yes, Sir; not until after.

Q.—What did you think she was concealing? A.—I did not know then.

Q.—Do you know now? A.—I do not know that she was concealing anything positively.

Q.—Nor I either. Now, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Tilton dressed himself and went with you, did he? A.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Beach (to Mr. Fullerton)—Wait a moment.

Mr. Fullerton (after a whispered conference with Mr. Beach)—She said something about reading to him, or he? A.—He said something about reading.

Q.—What did he say? A.—As near as I remember, reading him to sleep.

Q.—What position was he in when he said that? A.—I could not tell you whether he was in the act of getting up or whether he had got up and was putting on his gaiters.

Q.—You don't recollect which? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—And what did he say she had been reading him to sleep with? A.—I think, *Paradise Lost.*

Q.—Do not you think that that would put a man to sleep as quick as most anything? A.—I don't know; it is some time since I read it.

Q.—How long did it take him to dress before he went with the President of the Christian Association down to the church? A.—I should think five or ten minutes; he was pretty slow about it.

Q.—Did not hurry? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Was not in a hurry to get out? A.—Not particularly, no.

Q.—Didn't you go into the room? A.—I don't think I did; I have no recollection.

Q.—Are you sure you did not go into the room? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Stayed at the door? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And where was the lady all this time? A.—I think she was sitting in the room.

Q.—Full view? A.—I do not remember whether she was sitting or standing, positively; she was in the room; I have no doubt she was in full view.

Q.—You did not take any particular notice of her while you were standing there? A.—I do not think I did; I do not know that I did the latter part of the time.

Q.—How I—A.—I do not know that I did the latter part of the time.

Q.—You took particular notice of her when there was nothing else to be seen—when she opened the door? A.—I did after that.

Q.—The Christian Association was lectured to that night by Mr. Tilton? A.—Yes. Sir.

Q.—And you were one of the audience? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And you introduced him to Mr. Forbes? A.—I introduced him to Mr. Forbes in the afternoon.

Q.—Any one else? A.—I do not remember that I did—only after the lecture.

Q.—Then you did? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—To whom? A.—To my wife and my wife's sister, and my wife's mother.

Q.—To any one else? A.—I do not remember positively.

Q.—A number? A.—Possibly to one or two; I have no positive remembrance of it.

Q.—When did you arrive in this city, Mr. Holmes? A.—Yesterday.

Q.—Been here before? A.—Do you mean in Brooklyn?

Q.—Yes, Sir. A.—Yes, Sir, I have.

Q.—During this trial? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—When were you informed that you would be wanted? A.—I think it was on Thursday of last week.

Q.—That is the first you knew you were to be a witness? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—You came out of the State of Connecticut voluntarily to be a witness? A.—Yes, Sir, by request.

Q.—And to tell what you have told? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—At the request of whom? A.—At the request of Mr. Hill, one of the attorneys.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION.

By Mr. Hill—Please state whether or not that transaction which you have referred to to created a great scandal at Winsted.

Mr. Beach—I object to it.

The Court—That is ruled out.

Mr. Evarts—Your Honor will notice that this Winsted scandal constituted one of the elements in the relations between Mr. Tilton and Mr. Bowen which led to his displacement from his employment, and which furnished a justification so far against Bowen's recognizing his obligations to pay him his damages. Now, the occurrence, and that it was a scandal, here so reported, and affecting the minds of these two men, Mr. Tilton and Mr. Bowen, already appears, and Mr. Tilton has given his explanation of it in a letter. We now show the circumstances of the affair itself. It seems to us to be competent to show that this transaction, this occurrence, at Winstead did come to be the subject of scandalous remark there. That is all.

The Court—I think not.

Mr. Evarts—Your Honor will be good enough to note our exception.

Mr. Evarts (after a pause, to the witness)—Was there a stove there in the room, or how was it? A.—There was a stove there.

Mr. Hill—I will say to your Honor and the jury, that we call this witness out of order, out of convenience to him.

Mr. Fullerton—He was out of order.

The Court—It was quite proper to call him as a foreign witness.

Mr. Evarts—He is going west.

Mr. Fullerton (to the departing witness)—Go west, young man, go west.

Mrs. Ovington was then called, Mr. Shearman explaining that she was in very feeble health.

The Court—She can sit in a chair there [below the witness stand. To the officer] Place a comfortable chair there.

TESTIMONY OF MRS. MARIA N. OVINGTON.

Mrs. Maria N. Ovington was then sworn and examined as follows:

Mr. Hill—Are you the wife, Mrs. Ovington, of the witness, Edward J. Ovington, who has just been examined? A.—I am.

Q.—Where do you reside? A.—No. 148 Hicks street.

Q.—And how long have you resided there? A.—Since May last.

Q.—How long have you known the parties to this action? A.—I have known them since their tin wedding, in 1865.

Mr. Evarts (to the witness)—You will have to exert yourself a little; you are not in good health, and perhaps your voice is a little affected; you must speak louder or we must repeat the answer.

The Court—The counsel can repeat the answer, perhaps.

Mr. Hill—My question related to the parties, and by that I mean Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Tilton; you have now stated how long you had been acquainted with Mrs. Tilton, please state how long you have been acquainted with Mr. Beecher? A.—I think it was sometime in 1865.

Q.—So that you have known both of them for about the same length of time. How long have you been acquainted with Mrs. Tilton? A.—Ever since 1864.

Q.—Met her upon the same occasion with her husband? A.—Yes, sir; we had an invitation to a tin wedding.

Q.—Please state to his Honor and the jury how intimate you have been with the family? A.—There was no intimacy until the Fall of 1867, when my husband was very ill indeed; Mrs. Tilton, being a member of the church, came to call upon me, and offered her services in any way that she could serve me; from that time we have been very intimate; I have been absent from the city frequently for a long time together; but when I have been in the city I have always been on terms of intimacy with her."

Mr. Hill—Please state how frequent her calls were during the affliction of your husband's sickness? A.—Almost daily.

Judge Neilson—The stenographer will in each case repeat the answer.

Mr. Hill—Very well.

The Stenographer (reading)—Almost daily.

Mr. Evarts—The trouble is, the stenographer doesn't read much louder than the lady speaks.

Mr. Fullerton—Well, you can repeat the rest?

Mr. Hill (to the witness)—You may state if Mrs. Tilton rendered any other service at that time? A.—She did also take care of my youngest child, which was ill, at the same time.

Q.—Now, how long did your husband's sickness continue? A.—Until the Summer of 1868.

Q.—Yes. I asked you before where you were living at that time, with reference to Mr. Tilton's.

Mr. Evarts (to Mr. Hill)—It is important the jury should hear the answers. Repeat them?

Mr. Hill—They have begun it over there, let them continue.

Q.—Where was your residence at the time—the time of your husband's sickness and acquaintance with Mrs. Tilton, with reference to her house? A. (In a loud tone of voice)—The old No. 95 Livingston street, the present No. 125.

Q.—That was your residence? A.—Yes, Sir; Mrs. Tilton's was then, I think, No. 130 Livingston street, since changed to No. 174 Livingston street.

Q.—Mrs. Ovington, do you recollect the publication of the Woodhull scandal in November, 1872? A.—Perfectly well.

Q.—Yes. Do you recollect then, whether there was any affair of friendship or kindness between you and Mrs. Tilton? A.—I was confined to my bed at that time, but sent word by my nurse to Mrs. Tilton ——

Mr. Beach (interrupting)—We object to it, Sir.

Mr. Hill (to the witness)—I do not care about what word you sent, but state whether you offered your assistance and sympathies to her? A.—I did.

Q.—Now, please state whether or not you have in times of affliction been accustomed to offer mutually your services one to the other? A.—We have.

MRS. TILTON'S CHARACTER IN HER HOME.

Q.—Now, Mrs. Ovington, won't you please state what Mrs. Tilton's manner and habit was in her own home as to religious services, as her religious character, and her observation of——

Mr. Beach—Objected to, Sir.

Judge Neilson—I think it would answer your purpose to have her describe her home in her own way, would it not?

Mr. Hill—Very well.

Q.—What was her character, as you knew it, in her home? A.—A beautifully religious woman, a very affectionate mother, and, as I supposed at that time, a very much-beloved wife.

Mr. Hill—Yes.

The Witness—And a very loving wife.

Mr. Hill—Yes. How about her observance of religious duties in her family relations? A.—She was strictly religious.

Mr. Hill—Yes.

The Witness—I think, a very beautiful example of Christianity.

Q.—Now, when did you first observe that as the character of Mrs. Tilton, in her house? A.—In 1867 and subsequent; 1868 more particularly, I think.

Q.—You may state, Mrs. Ovington, whether her calls upon you in affliction were of a religious character at all, or whether she ministered to them—endeavored to minister to spiritual wants of the sick there?

Mr. Beach—It is objected to.

Judge Neilson—You may ask her, I think, very properly of the character of her calls.

Mr. Beach—Of what materiality is the character of the visits between these ladies? It is not material to any issue in this case.

Judge Neilson—All the counsel wants is to get the character of the lady in her household.

Mr. Beach—It is not the character of the lady; it is the character of the home.

Judge Neilson—The character of the lady in respect to her home.

Mr. Shearman—If your Honor please, it is a great deal more than the character of the home. It is an observation on the part of counsel on the other side to suggest that there is nothing in this examination material to this issue. The point is this, your Honor, that we have a right to show the whole nature and character of this lady with a view to further evidence which we shall gradually introduce, which will show how and why her husband came to think of inventing this charge against her—the pretext he had—the excuse he might have in his own character and in his own relations to his wife. We want to show what was her nature, and what was the incompatibility, as he might afterward claim, between him and her, and gradually to show how this difficulty arose in the family.

Judge Neilson—We have no question with her. The counsel has a right to examine this lady to get at the condition of the household; whether in harmony or not; that is the extent of it.

Mr. Hill—I am uncertain whether the question I am now about to ask falls within the ruling. However, I will present it.

Q.—Mrs. Ovington, please state whether Mrs. Tilton was engaged in benevolent enterprises in the city.

Mr. Beach—Objected to, Sir.

Judge Neilson—I think she may answer that.

The Witness—I think she was.

Mr. Beach—I object to the answer, and move to strike it out.

Judge Neilson—The answer is, "I think she was."

Mr. Beach—No, Sir—"I should judge she was."

Mr. Evarts—That is the form of the answer.

The Witness—I know that she was interested in the "Bethel;" whether at that time or not I do not recollect.

Mr. Hill—You may state to his Honor and the jury how much of her time—within your knowledge, of course—was devoted to charitable employments and works of mercy. A.—I think she made it a point of duty to give all the time that she rightfully could, that her family did not demand. I think that was her duty and pleasure.

Mr. Beach—Well, Sir, that is all a very beautiful tribute to the lady's friend, but it is obvious to your Honor that she does not speak from knowledge. The answer shows it is a mere conclusion of judgment.

Judge Neilson—It seems to be in the nature of an estimate; still, I think we will let it stand.

Mr. Beach—Very well; I have no particular objection to it, Sir.

Mr. Hill—Mrs. Ovington, do you recollect a trip you made to Havana, departing in the Fall of 1872? A.—Nov. 12, 1872, I left for Havana.

Q.—When did you return? A.—Sept. 23, 1873, to the city; I was absent in the Summer, not in Havana all the time.

Q.—But you were away from the city? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, how much were you away from the city from your return in September, 1873, down to the publication of the Bacon letter? A.—I did not leave the city from 1873 until last August, 1874.

Q.—It is suggested that I ask you why you went to Havana; was it because of your health? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Well, what has been your state of health from the time of your return in 1873 down to the present time? A.—I have not left the house since last October, the 13th; the previous Winter, for four or five months, I was not out of the house but once; I was not able to go out for any time until the Summer.

Q.—I will call your attention again from the time beginning with the Bacon letter. Do you recollect reading or hearing that paper read? A.—I think on Friday, 26th of June; I think my husband brought it home and read it to me.

Q.—Are you certain of the day of the month or of the week? A.—It was Thursday, I think, the 26th; I am not certain of the day of the month, but it was on a Thursday—a Friday I mean. He spoke to me of it on a Thursday, and on Friday brought the paper home, and read it to me aloud.

Mr. Evarts—What day was it? A.—Friday.

Mr. Hill—Well, please state whether or not you determined at once to see Mrs. Tilton.

Mr. Fullerton—That is objected to.

The Court—As to what you did thereupon.

A VISIT TO MRS. TILTON.

Q.—What did you on hearing of this new trouble? A.—I arose from the lounge where I had been lying, and I said to myself I will go and see Mrs. Tilton.

Mr. Beach—Omit what you said to yourself.

The Court—You arose from your lounge, that is all.

Q.—Did you go to Mrs. Tilton's? A.—I was not well enough.

Q.—You were not well enough? A.—I was not well enough to go over there on Friday.

Q.—When did you go? A.—On the Sabbath following.

Q.—What time? A.—In the evening.

Q.—Who took you to the house? How did you come to go? A.—My husband. In the morning, before attending church, I asked him to take me around to see Mrs. Tilton, and he said he would do so; I asked him to leave me there and to call for me at Mrs. Tilton's in the afternoon; he said he would; in the afternoon he started from the house; it was 2 or 3 o'clock, I think, in the afternoon; I went to Mrs. Tilton's house then.

Q.—Whom did you see and what occurred? A.—Carroll opened the door for me; my husband remained on the pavement, where Mr. Tilton saw him in front of the house; I entered the hall, Carroll inviting me into the parlor, but I did not accept the invitation; in a few moments Mrs. Tilton came down the stairs.

Mr. Hill—Wait a moment; now, go on.

Witness—In a few moments Mrs. Tilton came down stairs looking——

Mr. Beach—Never mind how she looked.

Mr. Hill—I submit her appearance is admissible.

Witness—It will explain, perhaps, what I said afterward.

The Court—This lady had not seen Mrs. Tilton in a long time, as it appears now; she was not in a position, and she might, I think, mention any marked changes in her appearance.

Mr. Hill—That is all I want.

The Court (continuing)—But as to any minute or general details of her general appearance, or an opinion as to her health or to her trouble, that would not do.

Mr. Hill—Oh, no, we don't ask that; we simply want Mrs. Tilton's general appearance as she came in, if there was anything marked or special about her.

Mr. Beach—Suppose there was, of what materiality it is?

The Court—Suppose she was in tears, she might have been in the same condition the day before. I don't think you could introduce anything about that. I should think it is inadmissable.

Mr. Evarts—Your Honor will recognize the position that, so far as the general competency of evidence goes then the witness can speak as to what she saw of Mrs. Tilton that day. Now, until it is disclosed what it was that she saw it may not be apparent whether it was material or not. It is evidence that we have a right to bring in because it is what passed under the eye of this witness herself.

Mr. Beach—What passed in the actions, conduct, or appearance of Mrs. Tilton under the eye of this witness is not presumptively evidence; on the contrary, it is presumptively evidence immaterial and incompetent, and, therefore, if the gentleman proposes to make it anything material to the subject matter, he should state what he expects or proposes to prove. It is utterly immaterial to the issue in this case, I submit to your Honor, whether Mrs. Tilton was appearing well and cheerful and happy, or ill and desponding and depressed. I submit, therefore, that it should be rejected.

Mr. Evarts—I think, if your Honor please, that when we ask for what is said presumptively it is not evidence, but when we ask what the witness thought, it is presumptively evidence.

The Court—State what you expect to prove by this question.

Mr. Hill—I wish to prove that the general appearance and the state of health of Mrs. Tilton was the subject of conversation very soon afterward between this witness and Mrs. Tilton.

The Court—Do you propose to show she observed it?

Mr. Hill—We propose to show she observed a sorrowful condition on the part of Mrs. Tilton, and that her health seemed very greatly impaired, and that she seemed very weak.

The Court—In other words, that she was weak and not in good health; you may ask her about the general condition of her health.

Mr. Fullerton—That raises another question which we are to follow up. Suppose they prove she was, or seemed to be, in ill-health, shall we be permitted to show the cause?

The Court—As it stands there may be a dozen causes for it.

Mr. Fullerton—Exactly so; therefore it is not proper evidence.

The Court—I think it is the general fact you want—it is the general fact it is true; it is to the general condition of her health we have to do with. What have we got to do with the condition of the lady's health on that day? Nothing.

Mr. Fullerton—Nothing, Sir.

The Court—It proves nothing.

Mr. Fullerton—If there is anything pertinent to the evidence and the issue we have a right to have it, but admit this and we will have side issues innumerable.

The Court—If she states the general fact of the condition of the lady's health you would not have occasion to object to it.

Mr. Beach—Why not, Sir? It is not bad health, it is not bad appearance, but it is despondency and distress they seem to wish to show. It is brought to that point for the purpose of drawing the conclusion that all these disturbances and distress of Mrs. Tilton arose from the recent publication of the Bacon letter. Can we be placed in that attitude by the admission of this general fact that it was improper evidence without having the opportunity of explaining what was the real cause and condition, which, of course, your honor will not permit.

The Court—I think simply that he may ask and ascertain from this lady whether on being left with Mrs. Tilton she appeared to be in good health or not—that simple general fact.

Mr. Beach—Well, that is of no great consequence.

Mr. Hill (to witness)—State, Mrs. Tilton, how that was.

Mr. Fullerton—Mrs. Ovington.

Mr. Hill—Mrs. Ovington.

The Court—Whether she appeared to be in good health or not, Madam.

Mr. Evarts—If your Honor please, we think the question should be this—state what you observed in the appearance of Mrs. Tilton? It is presumptively good evidence.

THE CONDITION OF MRS. TILTON'S HEALTH.

The Court—It is too broad. I will allow you to put the question what appeared to be the condition of her health; that you can put.

Q.—Now, what is the answer to that Mrs. Ovington? A.—She looked very pale, very white, and I told my husband—

Mr. Beach—Wait a moment, Madam.

Mr. Hill—Never mind what you told him; give the fact as you observed it.

Mr. Beach—Your Honor, ought not this lady answer the question as to her apparent state of health; she is wandering into matter other than that—into another question?

Q.—What was her state of health? A.—Very feeble.

Q.—Go on and state Mrs. Ovington what occurred?

Mr. Fullerton—I think not.

Mr. Beach—We object, if your Honor please.

The Court—Who was present?

Mr. Hill—Very well, I will go back to that. Who was present at the interview between you and Mrs. Tilton? A.—No one but Mrs. Tilton and myself.

Q.—That was in the hall? A.—In the hall.

Q.—Where was Mr. Tilton? A.—At first he was in the parlor; I did not see him; he passed through the front window to the side of the carriage, talking to my husband.

Q.—And then you and Mrs. Tilton went into the parlor? A.—I went into the parlor on her invitation.

Q.—Now, Mrs. Tilton—

Witness (haughtily)—Mrs. Ovington, if you please.

WAS THE CONVERSATION REPEATED TO MR. TILTON?

Q.—Now, Mrs. Ovington, was the subject of conversation—which you and Mrs. Tilton had in the parlor—the subject of conversation between you and Mr. Tilton afterward?

Mr. Fullerton—One moment; that won't do, Sir.

Mr. Evarts—Why not?

Mr. Fullerton—Because it is wrong; that is why.

Mr. Evarts—It is the simple question whether the subject of conversation Mrs. Tilton had with this lady was afterward the subject of conversation between this lady and Mr. Tilton, and she answers yes or no.

Mr. Fullerton—I know she does, and therefore it is a leading question.

Mr. Evarts—Therefore it

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—HENRY V.—Mr. George Reynold, Mr. Frederick Thorne, Mr. Charles Calvert, Miss Berthe Girardin.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—THE SHAUGHRAUN—Mr. J. B. Montague, Mr. Dion Boucicault, Miss Ada Dyas.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—THE TWO ORPHANS—Mr. John Parselle, Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., Miss Fanny Morant, Miss Kate Claxton.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—THE BIG BONANZA—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. James Lewis, Mr. W. Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport.

LYCEUM THEATRE—MARY STUART.—Mme. Adelaide Ristori.

PARK THEATRE.—GIROFLE-GIROFLA (Opera Bouffe)—Mlle. Minetti, Mlle. Dorel, M. Duplan.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT. Matinée at 2.

BOWERY THEATRE.—DRAMATIC AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

COLOSSEUM.—CYCLORAMA OF PARIS BY NIGHT—OPERETTAS—SKETCHES. Matinee.

ROBINSON HALL.—PERSONATION AND SONGS by Mr. Frederic Maccabe.

BARNUM'S HIPPODROME.—WALKING MATCH between Messrs. E. P. Weston and J. R. Judd.

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It would seem that the House of Representatives has partially recovered from the political passion which enabled Mr. BUTLER to drive the Force bill through with whip and spur. It yesterday added to its passage of the Louisiana resolutions the adoption of Mr. POLAND'S resolution on Arkansas. This declares that there is no occasion for interference in the affairs of Arkansas by any department of the Federal Government. It was desperately opposed by BUTLER and his friends, but was pressed with great firmness by Mr. POLAND, of Vermont, aided by Mr. SCUDDER, of this State, and was finally adopted by a vote of 150 to 80. Mr. SCUDDER has not taken a very prominent part in Congress, but his speech yesterday is said to have been very able, and to have won for him the cordial respect of the House. Mr. POLAND'S argument was elaborate and more than usually effective, and added to the debt which the country certainly owes him for his recent course in regard to the Republican Southern policy. The passage of this resolution, we hope, will prevent any complication in Arkansas. It is, in effect, an instruction to the President to refrain from giving any support to the pretensions of BROOKS.

Among the most noticeable acts of the closing hours of the Forty-third Congress must be classed the passage by the Senate of the House bill for the equalization of bounties. Important amendments were made in the Senate which it is reported will kill the bill. As it stands it provides for the payment to every soldier, sailor, or marine, "including those borne upon the rolls as slaves and Indians," a bounty of eight and one-third dollars per month (one hundred dollars a year) for the time served between April 12, 1861, and the 9th of May, 1865, less the sum received as bounty under the United States laws. The House bill provided also for the deduction of the bounty paid by the States. This was, however, omitted by the Senate. In case of the death of the persons referred to by the bill, the money is to go to the widow, if she has not remarried, or if there be no widow, or she has remarried, then to minor children. As the bill passed the House it was estimated by its advocates to appropriate some thirty million dollars. The Second Auditor, however, estimates the amount called for at nearly twice that sum, and the Paymaster General places it at one hundred million dollars. The Senate amendment adds the State bounty, which was said by Gen. SHERMAN, an excellent authority, to reach the sum of $286,781,256. The bill, as passed by the Senate, appropriates, therefore, from three hundred and seventeen million to three hundred and eighty-seven million dollars, which the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to borrow at five per cent. or less. A provision in the bill is framed to prevent the payment of the money to claim agents, how efficiently we cannot say. Whatever may be the abstract justice of this measure, it is to be hoped that it will not be heard from again this session. What is the sense in spending a month in devising ways and means to raise forty million of dollars and then voting away ten times that amount in an hour?

Although the Judge and counsel engaged in the Beecher trial have complained on several occasions of the inaccuracy of the *Tribune* reports—indeed, have even intimated that they are willfully garbled—a witness has now voluntarily come forward to testify to their accuracy. This witness is no less a personage than Mrs. VICTORIA C. WOODHULL, and the "editor" of the *Tribune* evidently is very proud indeed of her "indorsement," and describes it as a "little episode." It is not the only "episode," according to all accounts, in which Mr. GREELEY'S successor and Mrs. WOODHULL have been concerned. But it requires no slight degree of stupidity, or contempt of public opinion, to parade the theories of "Mrs. WOODHULL," in large type, in the columns of what was once a respectable newspaper. An "editor" is, possibly, free to choose his associates and companions from any class which he may happen to prefer, but he insults the respectable portion of the public by making his paper the organ of his friends when they are of the Woodhull stamp. And the man who does this recently pretended to be aghast at Senator CARPENTER because he was not "chaste." Good young man! As the old saying goes, he could not say "bo" to a goose. All sorts of people have had a hand in the *Tribune* during the last few years, but it was not until yesterday that Mrs. WOODHULL appeared as one of its chief advisers and contributors.

A good sharp cross-examination is not an unwelcome feature in this long trial over at Brooklyn. Lawyers will read with interest the specimens of Mr. FULLERTON'S workmanship in this direction, which are given in our report to-day, and even the general reader will not be sorry to see a witness subjected to a thorough sifting. Mr. FULLERTON made mince-meat of some of the evidence, and we cannot learn that he was obliged to read his questions from a carefully-prepared manuscript. He is a man who knows his business, and can get along in court without the aid of "cribs," "coaches," or other appliances for the relief of the distressed.

Somebody with a genius for blundering, or worse, has been attacking the Finance Department for refusing to pay a balance of $5,117 due to the Union Home and School for the Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors, another balance of $1,282 due to the Protestant Episcopal House of Mercy, and a third of $[illegible]14 due to the Foundling Asylum. The two former were for expenses incurred last year, and required the authority of the Board of Apportionment for the transfer of unexpended balances. That was obtained, and the claims appear to have been paid next day. The Foundling Asylum appropriation was for expenses incurred in January of this year. The legality of its payment formed the subject of an opinion from the Corporation Counsel touching the effect of the constitutional amendments on charitable appropriations. That opinion, which we published the other day, declared that the payment of the claim was not barred by these amendments, and it was paid accordingly.

In another column will be found a letter from Mr. CHARLES O'CONOR fully bearing out the views which have been frequently expressed in these columns on the inexpediency of the City's embarking in the railroad business. Mr. O'CONOR has not examined the constitutional amendments with regard to their bearing upon this question, but he says that if they do not forbid this abuse of Municipal authority, it is matter for regret, and he is certain that a policy adverse to such practices pervades the amendments. Mr. O'CONOR is at one with the respectable members of all parties in the opinion that "the great political evil of the times is the tendency in Governmental agencies to assume the conduct of affairs properly belonging to the sphere of private or individual enterprise." These views did not suit the Chairman of the Aldermanic Committee on Rapid Transit, to whom they were addressed, and therefore he did not make them public. They will suit, however, the intelligent portion of this community, and, therefore, we reproduce them to-day.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE AGAIN

By a vote of 113 to 65, the House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the Postal Appropriation bill partially restoring the franking privilege. The precise extent of this restoration is an allowance of free transmission through the mails on a Congressional frank of the *Record*, agricultural reports and seeds, and all public documents now printed, or authorized to be printed; but this privilege must cease on the 1st of December, 1875. There was a call for the yeas and nays on the amendment, but the demand was refused, and the vote was taken by tellers. It would appear that the members were not so proud of their record on this subject that they were willing to have their names appear among those who voted for the restoration. But, when Mr. GARFIELD had moved to reconsider the vote, and Mr. CESSNA had moved to lay that motion on the table, a demand for the roll-call was sustained, and the vote thus secured may be fairly taken as showing the position of members on the question. We find that Republicans and Democrats united harmoniously in support of the re-establishment of the franking nuisance. Messrs. BECK, of Kentucky, and BUTLER, of Massachusetts, agreed together for once; and Mr. JOHN YOUNG BROWN, of Kentucky, appropriately joined with Mr. T. C. PLATT, of New-York, in the support of a measure which has repeatedly been condemned by the people and rejected by the House. The bill is a temporary expedient, it is true, and is intended to be operative only until next December. At that date, however, the new Democratic House of Representatives will meet and begin to pick up the bits of patronage accessible to the party; and it would be asking too much of human nature that the newly-fledged Congressmen shall then refuse to join with the more aged sinners in a second extension of the franking privilege. Indeed, we need not be surprised if the next Congress should bring back the entire old nuisance, once more burdening the mails without any limit.

We understand that the plea for this so-called "temporary" revival of the Congressional frank is that the accumulation of public documents is so great that means must be provided for their circulation. The law abolishing the franking privilege was passed at the last session of the Forty-second Congress. It took effect July 1, 1873. Since that time, one would suppose, the printing of public documents might have been arranged to fit the new and more economical order of things. But Congressmen have not relaxed one whit of their eagerness to print stuff that nobody reads, and put into muslin covers good paper spoiled for all uses but that of the trunk-maker and the junk-mill. It is said that the Capitol is choked with printed matter in sheets, pamphlets, and bound volumes. The crypt is a mausoleum of statesmanship in type; the folding-rooms are filled with reports and Executive documents; and members who lounge in committee rooms are knee-deep in their own eloquence, or they are inundated with that of their colleagues. It is to dispose of this vast accumulation that the general delivery has been ordered. The Agricultural Bureau has had its own special allotment of its printed reports for distribution; Congress has also ordered its proportion; and by the new schedule, both lots are included in the flood of matter to be distributed, to say nothing of the garden seeds which are added to the mass of free mails. It is precisely this great volume of printed stuff that has provoked so much complaint. Congressional correspondence has never formed a considerable element in the burden of the mails when the frank has been permitted. But books, pamphlets, speeches, and seeds have literally made the mail-carriers and postal service groan. This all comes back again for the next nine months.

So far as our observation goes, there has never been any demand for the restoration of the franking nuisance, except on the part of Congressmen. The new men especially long for a taste of the sweets of privilege. And this view of the case warrants the belief that the new Democrats will be as eager for a continuance of the frank next Fall as their political associates are now for its restoration. The Democrats of this Congress are a fair example of what we may expect of those of the next. Some of them never saw their illustrious names on a franked document, and they went for the amendment yesterday with a rush. They were supported by some Republicans who ought to have been in better company. Mr. SPEER said, when a proposition similar to this was made in the House, that "the lash of the newspapers" had driven many to vote for an abolition of the franking privilege, against their better judgment. We do not know about "the lash," but, if there was any lash used, it was that of public opinion, and we scarcely believe that it could be possible for Congress to pass a more superfluous measure than this which has just met with its approval. The bill, as variously amended, goes to a Conference Committee; but there is not a strong probability that the amendment which revives the frank will be radically changed before it becomes a law.

DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATION.

Considering the distaste which the Democracy of this City profess for the interference of the Legislature in local affairs, they have been wonderfully industrious in contriving new methods of tinkering at Albany the fundamental law of the City. Our present charter is certainly not an ideally perfect instrument, but it is the best which the present generation has seen, and it only needs a fair period of trial to make it a still more potent aid in the maintenance of good government than it has yet proved. It embodies certain principles, however, to which the average Democratic politician is firmly opposed. It recognizes the accountability of the local official to the State; it imposes salutary checks upon the spending of the public money, and it makes some provision for the representation of minorities. To remove the first objection, the Democratic majority in the Assembly, in defiance of the protest of their more intelligent leaders, have passed the Costigan bill. To obviate the second, they have introduced bills to legalize more or less fraudulent claims upon the City Treasury, to dispense with the necessity of giving out public work by public letting, and to enable the Aldermen to pass resolutions involving the expenditure of money without requiring a majority of three-fourths of all the members elected. The minority principle of the charter has been indirectly attacked in a variety of ways. Yesterday Senator FOX introduced a bill to sweep it away altogether by reconstituting the Board of Aldermen on the basis of one member from each Assembly district, elected by a simple majority vote.

The obvious intent of all these bills is to give Tammany Hall the entire control of patronage and ample opportunities for enjoying the plunder of the City. Under the cry of "Home Rule" they propose in every possible way to enlarge the powers while diminishing the accountability of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The one must be an autocrat, responsible only to those who pull the wires of the Tammany organization, and the other must simply embrace the caucus nominees of grog-shop politicians, intrusted with the greatest possible power, so as to be able to reward a host of greedy followers, and relieved of all control by the minority, so that there may be no occasion to allow any of the pickings to pass beyond the Democratic household.

The bill of Senator FOX would work in this way: Under the existing system there are six Aldermen elected for the City at large and three from each of the five Senate districts, adding one to the upper district on account of the two new wards. The charter gives the minority a chance of electing two Aldermen at Large and one in each Senate district. The provision is the simplest of all devices for minority representation, but it has worked with surprising accuracy. At last election the Democrats elected four Aldermen at Large on an average vote of 60,000. The Republicans elected two, giving each of them a vote of over 38,000. The Democrats thus secured the full proportional representation to which they were entitled: the Republicans rather less than their proportion. In other words, it 60,000 Democrats are represented by four Aldermen, it needed but 30,000 Republicans to secure a claim to the other two. In the Senate districts there was a result almost precisely similar. Sixty-two thousand Democratic votes elected ten Aldermen and 43,000 Republican votes elected six Aldermen. In other words, it only needed 6,200 Democratic votes to elect an Alderman, while it needed the votes of 7,160 Republicans to effect the same result. The Democratic majority are, therefore, more than represented by their fourteen representatives in the Board of Aldermen, while the Republican minority have rather less than their due proportion in eight representatives.

Tammany Hall politicians have observed the fact that, while the majority principle which regulates the election of Assemblymen only gave the Republicans four representatives, the minority principle, applied to the election of Aldermen, gave them twice that number. They propose, therefore, to make the Aldermen returnable from Assembly districts, and thus secure that effacement of the minority which TWEED and his colleagues regarded as an indispensable preliminary to their schemes of plunder. Had this bill been introduced into the Assembly, any argument against it, based upon the rights of minorities, would have been thrown away. As it has been presented to a Republican Senate, it is to be hoped that the barefaced wrong it proposes to effect will be sufficient to prevent its ever being heard of again. The bill is merely one of the steps in an organized conspiracy to hand over this City once more into the power of a Ring of the lowest class of Democratic politicians. From every movement in that direction the people look to the Senate to deliver them.

THE CASE OF SHARKEY.

We have heretofore alluded to the fact that SHARKEY—convicted by the State of New-York of the crime of murder, and sentenced to be put to death—has escaped from the jurisdiction, not only of this State, but of the United States, and taken refuge in the neighboring Island of Cuba, where, for a second time, he has been committed to prison, and, in the last instance, by the authorities of that island for an assault committed therein upon an American sea Captain. If there be a case where the comity of nations—whether or not expressed in treaty stipulations—can bring about the delivery, by one State to another State, of a fugitive from the justice of the latter who takes refuge in the former, this would seem to be such a case. There is no dispute about the character of the offense charged against SHARKEY, or of its actual committal within the State of New-York, or of his sentence to death, or of his second crime by escape from the Tombs, or of the temporary asylum he has sought and obtained in Cuba. The United States and Spain, unfortunately, however, have no treaty entitling the former to *demand* his extradition, and, therefore, he remains in that island a fugitive from the justice of the State of New-York. We are bound to assume that the authorities of Cuba, having already arrested him and placed him in prison for a criminal offense within their own jurisdiction, do not seek to shelter him, and would be glad to be rid of him, if either the Government of the United States, or, indeed, of New-York, would satisfy them that he is the person who was judicially convicted and sentenced in, and who escaped from, this State.

That the United States and Spain have no treaty for the extradition of criminals seems at first strange; but we believe Spain has no such treaties with any Government. And Spanish prejudice against such international obligations appears to have been transmitted to the Spanish American States on this continent, for among them we have such treaties only with Venezuela, in 1860; Mexico, in 1861; the Dominican Republic, in 1867; and Nicaragua, in 1870. Between us and all the rest of South America there are no such beneficial arrangements for the punishment of criminals.

The Ashburton treaty, Aug. 9, 1842, contains our first adequate stipulations with any country for the extradition of fugitives from justice. The next year, it was followed by a similar treaty with France; in 1849, with the Sandwich Islands; in 1850, with Switzerland; in 1852, with Prussia; in 1856, with Austria; in 1860, with Sweden and Norway; in 1868, with Italy; and in 1874, after the affair of CARL VOGT, (whose extradition that State so much desired,) a treaty was entered into with Belgium. During 1853, 1855, and 1857, we negotiated extradition treaties with six States now embraced within the dominions of Germany.

Thus, with the Argentine Confederation, Bolivia, Brazil, Central America, Chili, China, Costa Rica, Equador, Greece, Guatemala, the Hanseatic Republics, Honduras, Japan, Liberia, the Netherlands, New-Granada, the Ottoman Empire, Paraguay, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Russia, San Salvador, Siam, Tripoli, and Tunis, as well as Spain, the United States have no treaties of extradition.

But the absence of treaty stipulations for extradition did not, thirty years ago, amount to an absolute asylum and protection for criminals who succeeded in escaping from the State where the offenses were committed; because, then, while denying an *obligation* to surrender fugitives from justice, independent States did make such surrender in cases which appealed to their sense of justice and international safety. Even as late as 1864, the Executive Department of the United States, without any judicial interposition, arrested, by direction of Secretary SEWARD, and surrendered to Spain ARGUELEZ, who had been arrested in the City of New-York, charged by Spain with selling, as Governor of a district in Cuba, 141 men, who had been landed in that island from Africa, and then officially reporting them as dead of small-pox. A resolution introduced into the House of Representatives, condemning this act as a violation of our Constitution, and in derogation of the right of asylum, was rejected by a large majority, and the subject referred to a committee, but it was followed by no action of Congress. The reply of Mr. SEWARD to a Senate resolution, wherein he justified the Executive surrender of ARGUELEZ, is one of the most learned and instructive of Mr. SEWARD'S State papers. He vindicated the act under the law of nations, as recognized and enforced by the Constitution of the United States. He took the broad ground that the United States are never bound to furnish asylum to a dangerous foreign criminal, and that the President has authority, in his discretion, to surrender such a criminal to the demanding Government.

The exercise of the power of expulsion outside of their territorial limits, of persons for any reason obnoxious, is one of every-day occurrence among the Continental States of Europe. In Great Britain, however, and in the United States, such a power is rarely applied, for the reason that with these last-named nations crime is territorial, and is only punished therein when committed within their own jurisdiction; and if so committed, the person, if arrested therein, can be punished therein. Russia, Norway, Portugal, Belgium, and Holland, on the other hand, punish their own citizens for certain crimes even when committed in foreign countries.

Wherever a State will, as matter of comity, surrender to another State fugitives from its justice, the added stipulations of a treaty should work no immunity for the criminal, inasmuch as in addition to the national obligation contained therein of surrender, they would only formulate the facts and documents of crime upon which the receiving State will surrender to the requiring State. And without a treaty the surrendering State can demand whatever evidence of guilt it pleases. The usual treaty-evidence of crime is such as would justify apprehension and commitment for trial if the crime had been committed in the State in which the fugitive is.

It is to be regretted that the United States have not treaties of extradition which would secure the surrender of our criminals who take refuge in the West India Islands, on the Isthmian crossings, or in South America; but it is also to be regretted that even without a treaty, the comity existing between the United States and Spain cannot be safely exercised in respect to SHARKEY, and in a manner to secure his punishment in New-York for the offense of murder, aggravated by that other grave offense of bribing, or otherwise inducing, the officers of the Tombs in this City to facilitate his escape.

ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT.

Misfortunes continue to come in battalions upon the afflicted Democracy of this City. The hard-handed and unwashed, to whose exertions on election day, both in the way of voting themselves and preventing other people from voting, Tammany owes most of its victories, refuse to be comforted. The last ray of hope has departed, and left them in the darkness of despair. They gather in mournful groups both by day and by night to discuss the situation and contrast the dismal present with their brilliant past. They remember the days when their leaders not only furnished them with sinecure positions without limit, but met them at the convivial board, and in their company spent in riotous living the money which they had filched from the public Treasury.

But all this is sadly changed. The gigantic diamonds no longer gleam from their shirt fronts; if the truth must be told, these signs of the means by which they conquered long ago were transferred to the keeping of a prudent relative known to each of them as "my uncle." Champagne no longer delights the taste of these unaccustomed consumers, who have descended to the cheaper stimulant of whisky. The gorgeous club-rooms have nearly all disappeared through the ruthless agency of the auctioneer. This is what distracts the average working Democrat of the period, and renders him so intractable in the hands of the new "Boss." There was a great hope raised in the Democratic breast by the accession of Mayor WICKHAM. Now, said these hungry Democrats, all these Republicans will be turned out and we shall be put in. But it was speedily found that the Mayor was not "one of us." He was ready enough to turn out, and did some rather questionable things in endeavoring to carry out this part of the programme, but he did not seem ready to put in the ward politicians. To be suspected of belonging to the "swallow-tail" kind of Democracy is to incur the wrath of the men who keep Tammany on its legs, and recent events have already brought Mr. JOHN KELLY under suspicion. Because of the prevalence of "swallow-tailism" in the office of Mayor WICKHAM, the power of JOHN KELLY trembles in the balance.

Perhaps all danger might have been averted but for the latest and most inexcusable proof of the devotion of the Mayor to the "swallow-tails." For many months the hungry Democrats had been looking with longing eyes to the fat places they could make in the Department of Public Works, and had been waiting and hoping for the day when they would have the chance of realizing their dreams by the retirement of Mr. VAN NORT. At last it came, but the announcement of their opportunity was accompanied by the news that one of the detested "swallow-tails" had been given the vacant position. Patience at last ceased to be a virtue, and curses were heaped so liberally upon the "Boss" who had permitted this final outrage that Mr. KELLY thought it necessary to be very emphatic, in the meeting of Tammany Society, in declaring that the appointment of FITZ JOHN PORTER had been received with very general marks of approval. He knew better, of course, but the exigencies of his position sometimes require the "Boss" of Tammany to take some little liberties with truth.

The moral of all this is plain. The efforts of Mr. KELLY to make Tammany assume a virtue it has not, and appear respectable, are doomed to failure. The stream cannot rise higher than its source, and a few "swallow-tails" scattered here and there through the public offices cannot make the administration of our Municipal Government in the hands of Tammany either decent or honest. Mr. KELLY thinks he can do something in this way, no doubt, but he will soon see that he must satisfy the politicians who made Tammany infamous, or abdicate. They will not consent any longer to be deprived of the places to which they believe they have a natural right. Mr. KELLY must soon make his choice, and there can be hardly any question as to what it will be. The politicians will get the places and revel in public plunder, not exactly as in former days, but as nearly in that way as they dare. It is no safer now to put faith in Tammany than it was in TWEED'S time, and those of our honest citizens who are of the opposite opinion will speedily discover their mistake. Let the Democrats once get hold of the Fire Department, for example, and all respectable people will have cause to regret that they ever aided or abetted Mr. KELLY in his attempts to "reform" Tammany.

"THE DAY OF THE DEAD."

Annually, according to MARCOY, the women of the lower class in Cuzco observe a festival known as the "Day of the Dead." They then make a pilgrimage to the city cemetery, collect in the common ditch the heads, thigh-bones, and ribs of skeletons, the wreck of the dead which have been thrown out of the ground, and which they suppose to be those of their relatives, friends, or acquaintances. They select and assort these bones, arrange them in little heaps, and one after another set up the most plaintive wailings over them, tell them the gossip and scandal of the year, and water with native beer and their own tears the bones of the dear departed.

In Brooklyn they have changed all this. There the accumulation of four years of scandal is rehearsed, not in a cemetery to skeletons, but in a court-room to amused and delighted audiences. A teacher of morality is charged with the grossest immoralities. To prove it the plaintiff avers his belief in the repeated adulteries of his wife, and the only brother of the woman against whom guilt is alleged appears on the witness-stand to reinforce the charge, while the unfortunate wife and sister sits in court to hear the terrible tale insisted upon by her husband and brother, and rehearsed with minute particularity by those who have been her intimate friends.

Could the story be confined to the ears of those who hear it in the court-room it would be bad enough, but the prominence of one of the parties concerned compels the newspapers to print verbatim reports of the trial, and thus they are carried from one end of the country to the other, and become the subject of discussion in every home in the land. A crime the nature of which ought to be kept from the knowledge of the young until they arrive at years of discretion, is talked of glibly in every parlor and even by young men and women. The extent of the social demoralization in which this trial must result is beyond all estimate, and the longer the case continues, the more aggravated the harm and injury will be.

It is not for us to say what the interests of the parties involved may be in this respect, but certainly society has something at stake in the matter, and, regarding the case in this aspect, there is an imperative necessity that the trial should be disposed of as speedily as possible. The suit has now passed its eighth week. Not only has the law been so construed that the widest possible latitude has been given in the admission of evidence, but it is actually urged in some quarters that the statutes should be so modified that the wife may be permitted to testify against her husband. Certainly it is hardly worth while, in order to meet this particular emergency, to reverse the rules which have for generations been found adequate to secure the proper administration of justice. It would be quite as reasonable to ask for the passage of a law that certain witnesses who seem anxious to unburden themselves of their knowledge of the case should be permitted to take the stand and relieve their minds, whether either side shall summon them or not. Undoubtedly by this device the case might be extended indefinitely, and the prurient appetites which have been whetted by the elaborate details already doled out to them would be still further gratified. This morbid desire of certain parties to have their names in some way connected with this *cause célèbre*, exhibits a curious unconsciousness of the sad fact that so many who have thus far been drawn into the fatal vortex of this suit have emerged with characters smirched or blackened beyond all cleansing.

The case should be hastened as much as the interests of justice will allow. Judge NEILSON repeatedly in the earlier stages of the trial did all he could to accomplish this. Then the lawyers, both for the prosecution and for the defense, interposed objections. Now, we should suppose that even they would be glad to see some prospect ahead of an ending to this miserable affair. The defendant certainly will be glad to have the verdict reached as promptly as possible. However the sessions of the court may be prolonged, we shall continue to do as we have already done—to give the fullest and the only impartial and authentic report of the proceedings, and thus that peculiar and incomprehensible class, which is supposed to read these accounts in full, will not be cheated of their rights and privileges. Whether they will get more than they can digest daily is beyond our power to decide.

We hope that the excellent Judge presiding over this deplorable trial will urge the lawyers to harder work and longer sessions. To be sure, the spectacle of the dissection of "putrid corpses," which, we are promised, may not be so deliberate or careful as some may desire to make it; but society can be spared that sight without suffering from the sacrifice; and all reasonable men will agree that the domestic museum of morbid anatomy which has been established across the river is already quite extensive enough for all practical purposes. Unless some action is taken in the direction suggested, it is clear that this "Day of the Dead," which has already become weeks, will eventually expand into the "Year of the Dead"—and it will be not only a year of dead reputations, but what is worse, of dead modesty and dead delicacy and decency in that society which is becoming so dangerously familiarized with offenses that have never before received such general and long-continued discussion.

A WOMAN WHO THRIVES ON PINS.

The Kingston *Freeman* says: "There is a lady in the upper part of the city who is a fine subject for scientific investigation. She is a born pin swallower. We don't mean that she swallows babying-pins, hair-pins, or clothes-pins, but the small pins so necessary for women in making their toilets. And the strangest part of it they agree with her, so she is waxing healthy and fat. The lady, like all women, formed the habit of holding pins in her mouth, and one day accidentally swallowed six. She was terribly alarmed and expected to die, but day after day passed by without any trouble being experienced from this strange diet, so she became quite unconcerned about it. In less than a month after nearly a dozen slipped through her lips and also moved on gracefully down her throat. No trouble whatever came from these either; and then it seems the woman acquired an irresistible liking for pins. She swallowed half a dozen or so every now and then, and as this diet has been continued nearly a year, she must be pretty well lined with brass. When this lady took her first meal of brass she was a slight, fragile being, in very bad health. In a few weeks she began to improve, and, as we before stated, the more pins she swallows the healthier she becomes."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

AN INJUSTICE CORRECTED.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In reading your review of Mr. J. Thomson's book, *Travels in the Far East*, which I have not yet seen, I find that he is evidently laboring under a misapprehension in thinking that I used his photographs without acknowledgment, which would be entirely removed by referring to page seven of the *English Governess at the Siamese Court*, wherein I say: "Those of my readers who may find themselves interested in the wonderful ruins recently discovered in Cambodia are indebted to the earlier travelers, M. Henri Mouhot, Dr. A. Bastian, and the able English photographer, James Thomson, F. R. G. S. L., almost as much as to myself."

His doubts about my visit are equally without foundation, for it is as much a fact as that he visited Cambodia, and what is more, that I used all my influence with the late King, and with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to procure him *passports* to enable him to do so.

My own passports, which took me to Cambodia and back, from both the Kings of Siam and Cambodia, are still in my possession, with several hundred pages of manuscript, notes and translations, made during the journey. Yours truly,

A. H. LEONOWENS.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1875.

"HOME RULE."

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Will you please advertise for citizens from foreign States, to fill positions in this City Government preference given to those from New-Jersey.

Our "reform" Mayor could not find in the City of New-York a man capable of the position of Commissioner of Public Works so went to Jersey. If the people had thought and done the same last November, where would our present Mayor be.

Mr. Whickam is a failure.

FROM A DEMOCRAT WHO NEVER SOUGHT FOR NOR WANTS AN OFFICE.

CLEARING THE TRACKS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I wish to call your attention to the way in which the East Broadway Car Company salt the track on the corner of Rutgers street and East Broadway. This morning it was six inches deep of slush, and unless you had a pair of high rubber boots it was impossible to cross. Hundreds of girls and children have to cross at this place, and this stuff penetrates their shoes, and keeps their feet wet and cold all day. Please call the attention of the authorities to this.

OLD SEVENTH WARD.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, March 2, 1875.

A WARNING.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Last evening, just as my family were seated at the dinner-table, the door-bell rang. It was answered by Maggie, who soon returned with the inclosed note and said a nice-looking gentleman wanted an answer. In reply to my question "Where is he?" she said she did not like the looks of the note, and left him in the vestibule, shutting the door. We then took time to examine the note, which the children pronounced "too thin." Desirous of making the acquaintance of the aforesaid gentleman, I dropped my carvers and went to the door, to find no one outside, but our three overcoats inside all safe, thanks to Maggie's wits.

She, very justly, feels quite satisfied with her transfer of respect from the nice gentleman to our overcoats, these hard times, and has only one regret (in which we all join) that she had not the opportunity to box his ears.

THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET.

DEAR MADAM: Please call to my office as I wish to see you about that House in 24 street the parties have been to my office to-day the building has 24 Rooms in sted of 26 and the gentleman will except the offer please call to morrow. Yours truly

JAMES HART

Real Estate Ag., No. 609 6 ave.

THE DANGERS OF SPRUCE STREET.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Will you allow me, as a resident of this City, doing business in the neighborhood of Spruce street, to protest against the reckless manner in which the proprietors of the *Tribune* are endangering the lives of all who are compelled to pass their office. For the past fortnight, and indeed ever since the commencement of the Beecher trial, immense quantities of unsold copies of the *Tribune* have been daily shipped from their press-room door in cargoes of from forty to fifty bales to the truck, piled up so high as to threaten the existence of the pedestrians on the sidewalk. Within the last fourteen days fifteen of these truck loads have been counted leaving the *Tribune* office for the nearest paper mill, and yet the avalanche of unnegotiable reading matter continues. The terrible results of an accident at the narrow and obstructed junction of Nassau and Spruce streets are too obvious to require comment. No one questions the right of said proprietors to dispose of their property in the manner which best pleases them, and if they choose to do so by endeavoring to secure a gratuitous circulation on the strength of their reports *in re* Beecher, that is their own affair. But when the waste-paper branch of the business assumes such proportions as to block the streets and endanger the lives of the passengers, something should be done and done at once. Either the newsdealers in this City, Jersey, and Long Island must stop returning unsold "*Tribs*" by the cart load, or the mysterious proprietors of the *Tribune* must be restrained in their benevolent attempt to force their bungled reports on an unwilling public. J. R. H.

EAST THIRTIETH STREET, Tuesday, March 2, 1875.

SETH GREEN ON STURGEON.

ONE FISH STORY HE DOES NOT BELIEVE, AND ANOTHER THAT HE TELLS AS TRUE.

The following correspondence is published by the Rochester *Express*:

PRINCETON COLLEGE, Feb. 16, 1875.

Seth Green, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: I take the liberty of writing to you in regard to a matter which, though I fear it will seem of but trival importance to you, has occasioned considerable inquiry among those students of this institution who are interested in fish and fishing; and, by them, your opinion in regard to the truth of the following statement is earnestly wished for, and will be thankfully received, if you will do me the favor to write me in regard to it:

"A number of years ago there was to be seen in a fish pond, at the country-place of Mr. Robert Pell in New-York State, on the Hudson River, a large sturgeon, which, at a given signal, would attach himself to a small boat by means of some sort of harness buoyed in the water. The hugh fish, after having dragged the boat about the pond for a time, would throw himself out upon the bank, and when the harness was detached from him, would cast himself back again into the water."

The above is almost verbatim the statement made to me by a gentleman who professed to have seen the thing done. And now, Mr. Green, I appeal to you, with the earnest hope that my appeal will not be unanswered. Is there any truth in the story? Is the thing possible? If such a fish did exist I know you would have heard of it, and you will, if you are so good as to write me what you think of the statement, confer a great kindness upon

CHARLES P. MURRAY.

MR. GREEN'S REPLY.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 24, 1875.

Mr. Charles P. Murray:

DEAR SIR: Yours is received. I never heard of such a fish as you describe. There could be a sturgeon put in a pond of clear water, and you could go over him in a boat and slip a halter over his head. The natural consequence would be that he would run and tow the boat until he got tired. If you punched him he would run again, and again, and in a fit of desperation run upon the land. I have been towed miles by sturgeon. I will tell you the circumstances: Years ago sturgeon used to be very thick in the Genesee River. I bent a large wire, like the bail of a pail. I tied three large cod-hooks back to back, and attached one gang so arranged to each end of the bail, and put a weight on the cord close to the wire. I fastened the cord to the bail, with line enough to reach the bottom, and some to spare. Then I would let it down to the bottom, and give a sudden jerk, and when the bail dropped straddle of the sturgeon I jerked. I had two hooks in him, one on each side. Then came the tug of war. I have caught five in one afternoon in the above way. I know that fish are not given credit for the reasoning powers they have. But I do not believe the sturgeon story. SETH GREEN.

STRIKE IN THE DEDHAM MILLS.

BOSTON, March 2.—An extensive lock-out has occurred at the Dedham Woolen Mills, the operatives refusing to work eleven hours per day.

THE STATE CHARITIES.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHARITIES AID ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF THE YEAR'S WORK—ADDRESSES BY MR. BRYANT, CHIEF JUSTICE DALY, AND OTHERS—VAGRANCY IN THIS AND OTHER COUNTRIES—GOVERNMENT FAILS IN CHARITABLE WORK—HOW TO HARMONIZE OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE WORK.

Association Hall was well filled last evening by an attentive audience which had assembled in response to an invitation issued by the State Charities Aid Association and signed by its officers, Louisa Lee Schuyler, President; Howard Potter, Vice President; A. W. Van Rensselaer, Corresponding Secretary; Edith G. Putnam, Secretary, and John Crosby Brown, Treasurer. At a little before 8 o'clock the venerable William Cullen Bryant stepped upon the platform, followed by Peter Cooper, Rev. Dr. William Adams, Rev. Dr. Henry C. Potter, Judge C. P. Daly, Rev. Dr. Bellows, Messrs. Howard Potter, Francis V. Stout, Thurlow Weed, Fred. Law Olmsted, Stewart Brown, C. R. Agnew, M. D., Col. Ethan Allen, and a score or more of others, prominent ladies and gentlemen, interested in the work.

Howard Potter, Esq., arose and said: "The President has devolved upon me the pleasant duty of inviting Mr. William Cullen Bryant to the chair. As the pleasant custom does not obtain here, as in England, of voting thanks at the close of the meeting to the chairman and speakers, I now offer them our hearty thanks."

William Cullen Bryant stepped forward and spoke as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: This meeting has been called together in order to lay before you and before the public the plans of this association, which has been formed for the purpose of aiding the organized State charities. In order that the charity of the State shall, in its operations, relieve distress and not increase pauperism, it must have the co-operation of private benevolence. It is impossible, I think, unless public-spirited persons take an interest in the subject, that mismanagement should not occur and corruption creep in. In politics the party that is out of power watches that which is in, and mischief is prevented. Everything that the party in power does is done in public, and is presented to the public by means of the press, and is commented on. Memorials pour in to the Legislature, and these, with the comments of the press, form a wholesome restraint. In regard to what is done for the poor, this is not so. What is done in our public charitable institutions is done out of sight. Unless our public spirited citizens take an interest in the matter, and go to our poor-houses and other institutions nothing is known by the public. It is true that there is a State Board at Albany, which has the supervision of the charities, but it is a central board, and has not the machinery. This necessary machinery this association has. It organizes committees, who visit recipients of the State aid, encourage where encouragement is needed, and admonish where admonition is needed. You will listen, I hope attentively, to the report which the Association is about to present. You will doubtless be convinced, as you listen, of the necessity of the great reform which it has partly accomplished. I cannot sufficiently praise the zeal of the lady President of the Association, and the hearty co-operation which other ladies have given her. And if anything is more praiseworthy than this zeal, it is the discretion which has governed the administration of the Association's affairs. I will call on Mr. William E. Dodge, Jr., to read the report.

At the conclusion of the report, which received hearty applause, the Chairman called on Rev. Dr. Adams to speak.

Dr. Adams said: The report needs very little comment, and the attention with which it has been received leads me to wish that it could be presented to a much larger audience. I therefore move that it be referred to the Executive Committee, and be printed. State charitable work can never be complete. The object of this association is to complement the State work. The one is the child of Hagar and of the law which gendereth unto bondage. The other is the child of the freewoman, born in Christian charity. Pauperism is not a crime. Many a man is poor beyond our conception of poverty whose hand is the horny with toil and yet unstained with the receipt of a dishonest penny. But poverty tends to vice, and the foundation of human society is the law of love. The world is recuperating from its long apostasy, and society will ultimately be organized on this basis. One hundred years ago John Howard began his great work of reform in the English prisons. When he began to suggest relief for the innocent men who were imprisoned for life for non-payment of fees, the magistrates looked over their spectacles at him and asked if there was any precedent. Now it is only one name—only John Howard, one Elizabeth Frye, one Buckstone, one Florence Nightingale! We ought to have societies of them, and we might almost expect miracles. Providing work for the poor is striking at the root. When one who would not work said to Dr. Johnson, "I must live," he replied, "No, I deny your premises. I see no necessity." Thank God there are so many Christian women in the work. They do things that cannot be done by men, and they work in a different way from men. He then spoke at length in eulogy of the Training School for Nurses, which was originated by women.

Judge Daly said: It affords me great pleasure to second Dr. Adams' motion, and I am, in considering the report, especially struck with the magnitude of the field of operations over which this association's work extends. The different branches of that work form too great a subject for me to discuss, and I will confine myself to one or two. The relief of want has its origin not in charity, but in the preservation of society. Want threatens society. The difficulty is not what to do, but how to do it. No person's condition is so well assured but that he or his descendants may feel that greatest human curse, poverty. As a magistrate I am most familiar with that form of pauperism known as mendicity, or vagrancy. In two trips over Holland, a densely-populated country, I never saw a beggar. There are few in Northern Germany, but in Great Britain, France and Southern Europe there are very many, and the trouble is prevalent here. The conditions of these different countries should be studied to understand the problem. In our city the difficulty of dealing with the mendicant classes is very great. Our political institutions complicate the question. How can we bring these people to elect between work and starvation? I believe that law cannot do this. A century ago a Bridewell was built in New-York City, in which vagrants were confined. It eventually became a jail. Laws are useless unless we know the nature of the evil and the remedy. The question of dealing with children is also very great. I have had considerable experience in my official relations with institutions where children are cared for. I visited Greenwich Hospital, in England, last year, and saw an illustration of the suggestion in the report about placing children in homes. This hospital is perhaps the largest public structure in England. I found it tenantless. When I inquired the reason, I was told that the pensioners were allowed to live where they pleased in Great Britain. This proved more satisfactory to them and more economical to the nation. The problem is more serious in relation to children. The great difficulty is in finding homes. Government fails in charitable work. What is everybody's business is nobody's. We want regular, systematic, organized, continuous action. The association will doubtless get the pecuniary aid they want. Let them keep on in their work and be not disheartened. Great minds, like Heaven, delight in doing good, although the subjects of their favors make but poor return."

Rev. Dr. Potter said: After what we have heard there is need of but little more exhortation. One problem worthy consideration is how to harmonize official and private work. We feel no antagonism, and there should be none. I formerly preached twice a month in a poor-house. The Superintendent lived among the paupers, and ate with them. I always took tea with him when I preached there. So I saw pauper life, and esteem it a privilege to have seen it. We can have associations of intelligent, active people who can tone up the whole work, and act on ignorant officials. As to dealing with the children, I think homes might be found for them by private effort. If one family in every fifty in the State should take a child, the 1,600 now in our public institutions could all be provided for. I read the other day of one ward on Randall's Island containing 123 children under sole charge of two girls arrested in a house of ill-fame in this City. Think of that! I have seen society ladies take up this work of charity and find it more satisfying than society. From this class our workers should come.

The audience was then dismissed, and a business meeting of the association was called.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Bryant then introduced Mr. William E. Dodge, Jr., who read the annual report of the President, Mrs. Louisa Lee Schuyler, which was in substance as follows:

The State Charities Aid Association was organized on May 11, 1872. Its objects may be briefly stated as follows:

First—To insure a more faithful and efficient administration of the present pauper system of the State of New-York.

Second—To improve the system itself through legislative action based upon principles comprising the alleviation of suffering and the reduction of pauperism.

It proposes to accomplish these ends through the formation of an enlightened public opinion. And it proposes to form this public opinion in two ways:

First—By the organization of visiting committees throughout the State for the public institutions of charities and for the recipients of out-door relief, such committees to be composed, without distinction or sect or party, of men and women who command the respect and confidence of their own communities through superior ability and purity of character. Working in cooperation with State and local officials, earning their own experience, arriving at their own conclusions, these committees are now engaged, not only in rectifying existing abuses, but in solving those problems of pauperism which are constantly presenting themselves.

Second—By means of a Central Association, having its head-quarters in this City, whose duty it is to organize visiting committees, to study the reports received from them, and to base upon these returns such general measures as may tend to relieve the evils complained of. Also to collect and disseminate the latest and best information upon subjects connected with the different departments of our work, derived from the recognized authorities of this and other countries. Also, eventually, as the result of further experience, to bring about a new pauper system for the State of New-York, which shall be based upon sounder principles than the one now in force.

In May, 1873, the association secured the passage of a law, drafted by its Committee on Legislation, which empowered the State Board of Charities to appoint local visitors for the Public Institution of Charities in their respective counties. By giving the visitor the power of inspection alone, the responsibility of the local official is not divided; and by appointing as visitors men and women who possess the confidence of their own community the responsibility of appointing trustworthy officials and providing means for the suitable care of pauper dependents is pressed back upon the county, where this responsibility belongs, by its own tax-payers and citizens. Up to the present time there have been organized twenty-seven local committees, and it is intended to extend these throughout the sixty counties of the State. During the past year four of the committees have been disbanded and eleven new committees have been formed. Of the twenty-three active branches of the association there are, in New-York City, three local committees; for Brooklyn, Newburg, Goshen, Auburn, Syracuse, Rochester, Cooperstown, Ithaca, Kingston, New-Rochelle, Northfield, Monticello, Delhi, Geneseo, Watertown, Staten Island, Pen Yan, each one; and for Westchester, Suffolk, and Queens Counties, each one. Total number of members, about 1,300.

The work is divided into four departments, represented by four standing committees upon children, hospitals, adult able-bodied paupers, and a recently-added Out-door Relief Committee. The number of children remaining in county poor-houses in 1874 was 635; in city alms-houses, and principally in those of New-York City and Brooklyn, 1,735. Total, 2,370.

The association will endeavor to aid in securing the removal of these children from the pernicious influences which now surround them, and, by placing them with respectable families, to save many of these little ones from lives of peculiar suffering and crime, and also to destroy hereditary pauperism. It advocates finding homes in families for children of sound minds and bodies, rather than gathering them in institutions, believing this to be more in accordance with the dictates of nature and the better development of the child. Four of the County Committees have already found homes for poor-house children, but much remains to be done in this direction. About 1,300 children on Randall's Island are now brought in daily contact with convict women, sentenced to short terms of imprisonment for intoxication, debauchery, and other offenses.

On Dec. 16 a general meeting of the association was held at its rooms, during which Dr. Elisha Harris narrated as the result of his personal investigations the story of "Margaret, the Mother of Criminals," (published fully in THE TIMES Dec. 19, 1874, and Jan. 18, 1875.) At the same meeting the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Visiting Committees of the State Charities Aid Association pledge themselves to make it a distinct and definite part of their work to secure suitable homes in private families for all children of sound mind and body now in the poor-houses, almshouses, and other public institutions of the State in their several counties, or who may hereafter come into them—homes where these children may be carefully trained and fitted to become respectable and self-supporting citizens.

The report states that one important feature in the work of the association has been the influence exerted over fallen girls in one large hospital. At their own request thirty-eight girls have been sent back to their parents or into safe retreats aided by the visitors. The association commends the system of distributing magazines and newspapers among the public charitable institutions. The atrocious system of farming out the poor to the lowest bidder, formerly existing in Queens County, has been abolished through the agency of the association. The Committee on Legislation has under consideration the necessary legal measures for compelling the adult able-bodied paupers to work. In one almshouse 619 of these vagabonds were reported. The report concludes by recommending the establishment of large visiting forces of both sexes among the poor, who should report to the Central Board. The latter should carefully examine the circumstances attending each case, and should grant such relief as may tend to the eventual self-support of the recipient. Work should be supplied instead of alms, and loans instead of gifts.

AN INSANE HOLLANDER KILLED.

IMPRISONED ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND ON A CHARGE OF DRUNKENNESS—THE CORONER'S INVESTIGATION.

Coroner Keasler yesterday commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Jacob Stockvis, aged forty-nine, a native of Holland, who died on Monday night at the residence of Dr. Samuel Hirsch, his brother-in-law, of No. 125 East Fifty-fourth street. It appears that Stockvis, who sometimes assumed the name of Legrand, was of an erratic temperament, and acted so strangely that it was believed he was partially deranged. About two weeks ago Stockvis disappeared from his home, No. 1,961 Third avenue, without giving his wife or children any indication of where he was going. His friends searched for him without finding any trace until last Sunday, when he was found in the workhouse on Blackwell's Island, where he had been committed for ten days on a charge of intoxication. His release was secured on Monday, and he was taken to the residence of Dr. Hirsch. It was then found that he was terribly bruised about the head and face, arms, and legs. He told an indistinct and somewhat incoherent story of having been arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and having been taken to the Tombs, where he was confined in a cell with a man suffering from delirium tremens. While in this cell his companion fell upon him in his madness and beat him brutally. Dr. Hirsch did all he could to alleviate his sufferings, but Stockvis expired on Monday night. Coroner Keasler was notified, and took charge of the case. Deputy Coroner Cushman made a post-mortem examination of the remains last evening, and found that death had been caused by exhaustion from extensive suppuration of the left arm, which was much swollen and badly bruised. A jury was impanneled, and an inquest will be held in a few days.

On inquiry at the Tombs Deputy Warden Finley stated to a TIMES reporter that no such occurrence as described by the deceased had occurred in the prison, and the prison list showed no such name as Stockvis or Legrand since the 9th ult. A prisoner could not have been beaten in his cell without the facts being reported to him.

THE WALKING MATCH.

The walking match between Weston and Judd was continued yesterday at the Hippodrome, which was tolerably well filled with spectators during the day. Both contestants came on the track shortly after 4 in the morning, much refreshed after their few hours' rest. Judd, who had dropped off considerably from his pace of the day before, seemed to walk with much less energy. He retired for the day at 11:35, after walking sixty-four miles. In the morning Weston also fell "off" a little, but in the evening and afternoon began to recover his lost ground. At 12:20 he finished his 179th mile since the start, and his 71st for the day. Judd has done 149 miles since Monday.

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

LECTURE BY PROF. C. A. YOUNG, IN HOBOKEN.

A SKETCH OF FORMER TRANSITS—THE USE OF OBSERVATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS—THE COMPANY AT PEKIN—POINTS OF INTEREST IN THAT CITY—THE RESULTS OF THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONS.

Owing to the inability of Prof. Chandler to fulfill an engagement to lecture before the Stevens Institute, in Hoboken, last evening, a sudden call was made upon Prof. C. A. Young, of Dartmouth College, one of the American astronomers engaged in observing, at Pekin, the late transit of Venus, to give some incidents connected with the observations there made. His remarks were of an entirely extemporaneous character. The last transit of Venus was only the fourth of which we have any record. The transit in 1631 was only visible in China, and that of 1639, eight years later, was observed by only two astronomers, in England; but those in 1761 and 1769 had been observed and recorded by astronomical expeditions from most civilized countries. There were two transits, eight years apart, and then an interval of about 117 years before another. Another transit would occur in about eight years from now, and then the long time mentioned would elapse before another, and great pains were therefore taken to make the most of the short time during a transit to secure all possible results from accurate observations from different points on the earth's surface.

There was no interest attaching to the view of the phenomenon itself, for it presented merely the appearance of a small round spot on the sun, but from the observations of this astronomers were able to ascertain the parallax or exact distance of the sun from the earth, which knowledge lay at the base of all our measurements relating to celestial phenomena. The knowledge of the perturbations of the celestial system depended upon ascertaining the true parallax of the sun. [A series of stereoscopic views were exhibited to the audience to enable them to better understand the phenomena of a transit.] The first one represented the sun, earth, and Venus, the latter planet casting two shadows or spots upon the sun, as seen from two different points on the earth, the distance between the spots on the sun compared with the distance apart of the points of observation on the earth being the bases of the astronomical calculation to determine the sun's distance. Photographic views of the transit were great aids in determining these observations, not only from their accuracy but also from their adaptability for future reference in verifying calculations. One great difficulty in making exact calculations was on account of the indistinct edges of the sun and Venus, making it hard to determine with exactness the time when the edge of the shadow of Venus touched the edge of the sun on commencing to cross it, and the precise instant of separation after it had crossed. At the last transit, however, but little difficulty was experienced from this drawback. As the spot was crossing the sun, photographs were taken as frequently as possible, and preserved for future comparison and measurement.

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Ashes, pks.	22	Hops, bales	6
Beans, bushels	126	Hides, No.	1,496
B. W. Flour, bags	80	Hides, bdls.	858
Cotton, bales	1,231	Leather, sides	21,427
Flour, bbls.	5,580	Pork, pks.	986
Meal, bbls.	270	Cut Meats, pks.	1,131
Meal, bags	647	Lard, tcs.	1,647
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Corn, bushels	93,700	Oil-cake, pks.	2,620
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Malt, bushels	1,125	Butter, pks.	4,477
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Grass-seed, bags	403	Starch, pks.	500
Oatmeal, bbls.	100	Tea, pks.	419
Dried Fruit, pks.	109	Tobacco, hhds.	15
Eggs, bbls.	426	Tobacco, pks.	13
Flax, bales	65	Wool, bales	32
Flax-seed, bags	380	Whisky, bbls.	500

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Middling Fair	17¼	17⅜	17⅝	17⅝
Fair	17⅞	18	18¼	18¼

FLOUR AND MEAL—A restricted business has been reported in Western flour at essentially unchanged prices. Trade and Family Extras have been quite moderately sought after. Shipping Extras have been in less request, but quoted firm, the available supplies having been comparatively light. Superfine and No. 2 stock in demand, with the better qualities held with confidence. The sales since our last have been 14,100 bbls. of all grades, including No. 2 flour at $4 @ $4 40; ordinary to very choice Superfine state and Western at $4 30 @ $4 80, chiefly at $4 60 @ $4 75; inferior to very good Extra state at $4 70 @ $5 10, chiefly at $4 80 @ $5 10; very good to fancy do. and City Mills Extra at $5 10 @ $5 85, chiefly at $5 65 @ $5 80; poor to very good shipping Extra Western at $4 65 @ $5 10, mostly at $4 90 @ $5; poor to very good trade Extra Ohio at $4 70 @ $5 10; poor to choice Minnesota Extra shipping at $5 @ $5 75, and Trade and Family Extras within the previous range. Included in the sales have been 5,400 bbls. shipping stock, nearly all Western and State Extras, on the basis of our quotations....Southern Flour has been in limited request, at about previous rates. Sales have been reported since our last of 760 bbls., in lots, at $4 60 @ $5 90 for very poor to very good shipping and trade Extras, and $5 90 @ $7 50 for ordinary to very choice Family Extras....Canada Flour neglected and nominal....Rye Flour has been in more request within the range of from $4 @ $5 10 for fine to very choice Superfine. Sales, 470 bbls., chiefly at $4 80 @ $5 10 for Superfine ₱ bbl....Cornmeal has been in fair demand, within the range of $3 80 @ $4 40 for poor to choice Yellow Western; $3 90 @ $4 25 for Jersey, and $4 75 for Brandywine. Sales since our last reported as 650 bbls., in lots, including 200 bbls. Brandywine at $4 75 ₱ bbl....Cornmeal, in sacks, has been selling, in lots, at from $1 50 @ $1 85 ₱ 100 lb....Oat-meal has been inactive within the range of $5 25 @ $5 75 ₱ bbl....Buckwheat Flour has been less sought after within the range of $2 50 @ $3 ₱ 100 lb.

GRAIN—Spring Wheat has been moderately active at rather firmer prices. The demand has been mostly on export account. The inquiry from millers has been rather limited. The later dealings indicated less buoyancy on a less urgent call for supplies. Winter Wheat has been more sought after for shipment and milling at full previous quotations. White in store having attracted most attention; sales have been reported since our last of 50,000 bushels at $1 17 @ $1 19 for No. 1 Spring, chiefly at $1 18½ for Minnesota, and $1 17½ for fair Milwaukee, afloat; $1 11½ @ $1 14½ for No. 2 Milwaukee Spring, mostly at $1 14 for prime, afloat; $1 12½ @ $1 13 for No. 2 Chicago Spring, in store and afloat; $1 10 @ $1 13 for No. 2 North-west Spring, in store and afloat; $1 09 for Nos. 2 and 3 Chicago spring, mixed stock, in store; $1 01 @ $1 09 for poor to poor to No. 3 Spring, car lots; $1 25 @ $1 34 for ordinary to very choice White Western, mainly at $1 28 @ $1 32 for No. 1 to very choice Michigan, in store; $1 26 @ $1 27 for Amber Western, and $1 21 @ $1 26 for Red do., odd lots....A less active movement has been reported in new Corn, opening steadily as to price, but closing a shade lower. The export inquiry has been on a restricted scale. Sales have been reported of 70,000 bushels at 83c. @ 84c. for New Mixed Western, closing at about 83½c. for Prime, afloat; 84c. @ 84½c. for new Yellow Western; 82c. @ 84c. for new White do; and 80c. @ 82c. for unsound and poor new Mixed Western. Old Corn, dull and nominal....Rye, very quiet within the previous range of 86c. @ 94c. for Canada in bond, Western, and state....Barley has been moderately active, but at rather easier prices, with sales reported of 30,000 bushels Canada West at $1 25 @ $1 30; and 8,000 bushels Two-rowed State (car stock, at $1 09 ₱ bushel....Barley Malt dull and weak, at from $1 15 @ $1 60 for poor to very choice; a few odd lots of two-rowed State sold at $1 15 @ $1 25 ₱ bushel....Canada Peas dull to-day, only 1,000 bushels, in bond, having been sold at $1 05 ₱ bushel....Oats have been in fair demand, at about steady prices, with sales reported of 44,500 bushels; 67c. for poor to prime Mixed Western, mostly at 68c., for Toledo, car stock; 68c. @ 71½c. for White Western; 67c. @ 70c. for Mixed State, the latter rate for very choice; and 70c. @ 71¼c. for White do....Feed has been in limited request, within the range of from $23 @ $31 for poor to very choice, ₱ ton....There has been a moderate inquiry noted for Bale Hay, with shipping grades quoted at 65c. @ 75c. for fair to choice; and retailing qualities, which attract most attention, at 75c. @ $1; Clover, 55c. @ 65c.; Rye Straw has been in moderate demand in a jobbing way at 55c. @ 60c.; Oat at 50c. @ 60c. ₱ 100 lb.

MOLASSES—Foreign has been attracting rather more attention, especially for jobbing purposes, at essentially unchanged prices; 215 hhds. new crop Barbadoes, (the first of the season,) have been purchased on trade account on private terms, and are being resold, in lots, at 45c. ₱ gallon. A cargo of 340 hhds. and 35 tcs., new crop Sagua, just arrived, has been imported by other parties. No other additions to the stock of foreign, since our last. New crop New-Orleans, quiet within the range of 56c. @ 67c. for very good to very fancy; choice and fancy in scant stock. Market otherwise essentially as quoted in full.

NAVAL STORES—Resin has been in less request and quoted easier, and somewhat irregular in price; about 1,700 bbls. sold, on private terms, at $2 @ $2 12½; and 500 bbls. Strained, seller's option, thirty days, at $2; and 380 bbls. No. 2, at $2 27½ @ 280 lb....Tar and Pitch, dull at former figures....Spirits Turpentine steady at 35c. @ 36c. for merchantable; sales, 100 bbls.

OILS—Whale and Sperm have been held with increasing confidence, but have been comparatively quiet. A limited movement has been noted in Linseed, Lard, Red, Menhaden, Olive, Palm, Tallow, and Cocoanut Oils on the basis of our quotations, which show steadiness. Cotton-seed Oil has been offered with reserve, and has been quiet, at quoted rates. We quote: Crude Whale, 65c. @ 70c.; Unbleached Whale, 70c. @ 75c.; Bleached Whale, 75c. @ 80c.; Crude Sperm, $1 80 @ $1 82½; Unbleached Sperm, $2; Bleached do., $2 02½ @ $2 05; Crude Winter Sperm, $1 97½ @ $2; for good to choice, and 87½c. @ $1 05 for No. 1; Red-oil, 60c.; Saponified do., 60c. @ 62½c.; Linseed-oil from 75c. @ 76c., in cks. and bbls.; Olive-oil, $1 15 @ $1 20 in cks. and bbls.; Menhaden, 42c. @ 45c.; Crude Cotton-seed, 44c. @ 48c.; Yellow do., 53½c. @ 57c.; White do., 60c. @ 62c.; Paraffine, 21c. @ 25c.; Palm-oil, 8½c.; Tallow-oil, 77½c. @ 85c.; Oil, 62c. @ 70c.; Neatsfoot, 85c. @ $1 20; Cocoanut, 10c. @ 13c.

PETROLEUM—Crude, in bulk, has been quoted up to 7½c. @ 8c. ₱ gallon, but has been inactive....Refined has been quoted higher on restricted offerings, but closes easier and irregular. Sales have been reported here of 2,500 bbls., early deliveries, at 15½c., closing at 15⅝c. @ 15⅞, and 5,000 bbls., deliverable by March 25, at 15⅜c. And at Philadelphia, 5,000 bbls., March delivery, at 15⅝c. ₱ gallon....Refined, in cases, 20½c. @ 22c.....City Naphtha at 10¼c. ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been more active, since our last, for early delivery, at advanced prices, closing, however, at a moderate reduction from the highest figures. Sales equal to 525 bbls. New Western Mess at $19 25 @ $19 55, closing at $19 35, with Prime Mess quoted at $18, and Extra Prime at $14 50 @ $15, and for forward delivery, 250 bbls. New Western Mess, March option, sold at $19 15, with April quoted at $19 25, and May at $19 30 @ $19 40....Dressed Hogs again quoted higher, on limited offerings and a good demand; City at 9c. @ 9¼c.; Western at 8¾c.....Cut Meats very quiet at unchanged prices; sales, 750 Pickled Hams, in bulk, at 10¾c.; small lots of Pickled Shoulders at 7¾c. @ 7¾c.; 2,000 Smoked Hams at 12¾c. @ 13c. (which figures show an improvement in this instance;) small lots of Smoked Shoulders at 8¾c. @ 9c.; 100 bxs. Western Dry-salted Shoulders, on private terms, quoted at 7¾c.; with Dry-salted Hams, in bxs., at 10¼c. @ 11c.; Pickled Hams, in tcs., at 10¾c. @ 11¼....Bacon has been quoted firm, with more demand noted on export account. Sales embrace 400 bxs. City Long Clear, part at 10½c. @ 10¾c.; 250 bxs. Western do. at 10¼c. @ 10½c.; 150 bxs. Short Clear at 10½c.; 450 bxs. Long and Short Clear at 10½c., and for Milwaukee delivery, 400 bxs. Short Rib at 10c.....Lard has been less freely dealt in and quoted about ¼c. ₱ lb. lower, with sales reported for early delivery of 231 tcs. Western Steam at 13 11-16c. @ 13¾c., chiefly at 13¾c.; 100 tcs. City at 13⅝c.—quoted at the close at 13½c. @ 13⅝c.; and small lots of Refined within the range of 13¾c. @ 14c. And for forward delivery, of Western Steam, 1,000 tcs., May, at 13 15-16c., closing at 13¾c. @ 13 11-16c.; 1,000 tcs., April, at 13 13-16c. @ 13¾c., and 2,500 tcs., May, at 13 15-16c. @ 14c., mostly, at 13 15-16c., which was about the closing price, with June options quoted at 14 1-16c. ₱ lb. Beef has been more freely dealt in within the previous range; sales, 150 bbls. at our quotations, and 600 bbls. old, on private terms. We quote at $10 50 @ $12 for Extra Mess, $9 50 @ $10 50 for Plain Mess, uninspected and inspected, and $15 @ $15 50 for Packet, ₱ bbl.....Tierce Beef quoted at $20 @ $21 for Prime Mess, $22 @ $24 for India Mess, $33 for City Extra do., and tierce Beef Hams in demand at $19 @ $22 for good to choice. Sales, 60 bbls. within the range.....Butter, Cheese, and Eggs without important alteration.

SUGARS—Raw continue quiet, pending definite action on the tariff amendments. Further additions have been made to the available supply by the arrival of four or five invoices. Sales have been reported to-day of only 407 hhds. new crop refining Muscovado at 7¾c. @ 7¾c., and 30 bxs. fancy Clayed (for grocery purposes) at 8¾c. And, last evening, 107 bxs. Molasses Sugar at 7¼c. ₱ lb. We now quote fair Refining about steady at 7⅜c.; good do., 7¾c.; prime do., 8c.; fair to very choice Grocery, 8¼c. @ 9 13-16c.; No. 12 Clayed sugar, at 8¾c.; Centrifugal stock at 8¼c. @ 8⅞c.; Manila, bags, 7c. @ 7¼c.; Molasses Sugar, 6½c. @ 7½c.; Melado, 4¼c. @ 6¾c. ₱ lb. Refined Sugars have been less sought after, with Crushed quoted at 10¾c.; Powdered at 10⅜c.; Granulated at 10⅜c.; A's at 9½c. @ 10c., and Yellow at 8¼c. @ 9¼c. ₱ lb.

TALLOW—Moderately inquired for at 8¼c. @ 8½c. for fair to prime; sales equal to 110,000 lb.....Stearine dull, with choice City, in hhds., at 14½c. @ 14¾c., and prime Western, in tcs., at 13⅞c. @ 14c. ₱ lb.

WHISKY.—Lower and very dully offered as low as $1 03, with at the close $1 01½ reported as the best bid. No sales reported.

WHALEBONE—Has been inactive with Arctic quoted at $1 @ $1 05, gold; South Sea, $1 10 @ $1 15, currency, ₱ lb.

WOOL—The market shows no important change as to values, but is without much life. Manufacturers, as a rule, are buying stock only to meet their more urgent requirements. Concessions are claimed, which holders of fine qualities are unwilling to make. There is not much call noted on trade account. Sales have been reported since our last of equal to 45,000 lb. Domestic Fleece, in lots, at 47½c. @ 56c.; 11,000 lb. Unwashed stock at 35c. @ 38½c.; 170 pks. and 23,000 lb. Domestic Pulled, mainly at 45c. @ 54½c.; 15,500 lb. Scoured stock at 60c. @ 80c.; 25 bales and 37,000 lb. Combing and Delaine, mainly at 57c. @ 67½c.; 5 bales Black at 44c.; 4,000 lb. Black Pulled on private terms; 139,000 lb. Texas at 21c. @ 32c.; 90 bales and 46,500 lb. California Spring at 25c. @ 35½c.; 40 bales and 80,000 lb. California Fall at 18c. @ 25c.; 5 bales Oregon at 43½c.; 45 bales and 11,000 lb. Australian, part at 52½c.; 100 bales choice B. A. Mestiza reported at 32c., and 3,500 lb. very choice Cape reported at 36½c. @ 37c. And equal to 130,000 lb. State Fleece, in the interior, about 49c. for XX.

....Receipts of Wool here since Jan. 1, 14,469 bales, (of which 9,453 bales foreign, 2,837 bales Domestic, and 2,179 bales Californin,) against 12,808 bales same time last year, (of which 4,341 bales Foreign.)....Sheepskins dull, with foreign quoted at 22c. @ 29c., currency, ₱ lb.

FREIGHTS—An active movement has been reported in the line of Grain engagements, by sail and steam, for British ports, at rather easier rates, though closing more steadily. Cotton and Flour were offering more freely at about former figures. The Provision and general cargo movement was comparatively limited, especially so for Continental ports. The chartering business was rather dull in the local market. Petroleum tonnage was in most demand at about late quotations. Tonnage suited to the Grain trade was partially neglected, and quoted somewhat nominal. Vessels suited to the Lumber trade were in some request. Tonnage for long voyages was in light demand, mostly from the East Indies. From the Cuban sugar ports the advices were of a good inquiry for tonnage, with a fair movement. The present

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Insurance by this line ONE HALF PER CENT.
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From Philadelphia. From New-York.
Nederland, March 13 Switzerland, Feb. 26
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For Philadelphia. For New-York.
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PRICES OF PASSAGE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin, $90. Second Cabin, $60
Steerage tickets to and from all points at the lowest rates.
Passenger accommodations for all classes unsurpassed.
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FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 11:30 A. M.

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PROPOSALS FOR $985,600.

STOCKS OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Controller's office until THURSDAY, March 4, 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened for the whole or any part of the sum of $985,600 of Stocks of the City of New-York, to wit:
Assessment Fund Stock, authorized by section 7, chapter 565, of the laws of 1865, payable Nov. 1, 1910, and interest at six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the 1st day of May and November.....$585,600
Assessment Fund Stock, as above, principal payable in amounts of $100,000 in one, two, and three years respectively, and interest at six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the 1st day of May and November..$300,000
Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Stocks of the City of New-York," and inclosed in a second envelope, addressed to the Controller.
The right is reserved on the part of the Controller to reject any or all of the bids if, in his judgment, the interests of the Corporation require it.
For full information see *City Record*.
ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller.
City of New-York, Department of Finance, Controller's Office, Feb. 19, 1875.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDHOLDERS.—The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company adopted the following resolution on the 5th of January instant:
Whereas, This company has applied to Congress for aid to construct the road by a grant and guarantee of interest on its bonds hereafter to be issued, and whereas, it is desirable that the holders of this company's first mortgage bonds should meet for conference and action concerning their interests generally, and especially in relation to any action Congress may take on the company's application now pending before it; therefore,
Resolved, That the Secretary call a meeting of the bondholders of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, to be held in its office, in New-York City, on the 18th day of March next, at noon, to take action in the premises.
Pursuant to the above resolution, the holders of the bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company are requested to meet at its office, No. 23 Pine st., New-York City, at noon of the 18th day of March, 1875.
SAMUEL WILKESON,
Secretary of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1875.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY.
Proposals for the sale of twenty (20) consolidated mortgage bonds of the Pittsburg and Steubenville Road will be received at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 26 Exchange place, until 5th March, 1875, at 12 o'clock M.
Proposals will be directed to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. Trustees. R. G. ROLSTON,
President Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

NOTICE.
TO THE HOLDERS OF THE MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Committee of the Sinking Fund Company have submitted a plan for the reorganization of the bonded debt of said Company, and a circular giving the details thereof will be furnished to any bondholder by sending his address to A. H. RUTLEY, Esq., No. 52 Broadway, New-York, or to James H. Muir, Secretary of the Company, at Detroit, Mich. JAS. H. MUIR, Secretary.
Feb. 25, 1875.

OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16, 1875.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company will be held on TUESDAY, March 9, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Musical Fund Hall, Locust st., above Tenth, Philadelphia.
The annual election for Directors will be held on TUESDAY, March 23, 1875, at the company's general office.
JOSEPH LESLEY, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, GILMAN, CLINTON AND SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD COMPANY, SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 26, 1875.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON MONDAY, March 15, 1875, a drawing will be held at the General Office of this company, to designate by lot the numbers of twenty-five of the First Mortgage Bonds of the company entitled to redemption, in accordance with the provisions of a traffic contract indorsed upon said bonds. S. H. MELVIN, President.

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11, 1875.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company will pay upon presentation, before March 6, 1875, their scrip issued for the Dividend Scrip, of 1873, per par, and accrued interest thereon to date of presentation.
On the 6th of March, 1875, this scrip will cease to bear interest, and the company will pay all that may then be outstanding. RAYARD BUTLER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE TRADESMEN'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 168 Broadway,
NEW-YORK, March 1, 1875.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company will be held at this office, No. 168 Broadway, on TUESDAY, March 9. Poll open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
T. Y. BROWN,
Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.—STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual election for twenty-five Directors and three Inspectors of the next ensuing election will be held at the office of the company, 122 Bowery, on THURSDAY, March 11, 1875. Poll opened at 12 M. and closed at 1 o'clock P. M.
GEO. B. RHOADS, Secretary.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

ATLANTIC, COMMERCIAL, UNION, NEW-York, and Orient Marine Insurance Scrips wanted by WILLIAM C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine st.

SAVINGS BANKS.

MASONIC SAVINGS AND LOAN BANK, NO. 6 POST ST., MASONIC TEMPLE, SAN FRANCISCO.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this bank, held Jan. 18, 1875, a dividend was declared at the rate of nine and one-half (9½) per cent. per annum on Term Deposits, and seven and one-half (7½) per cent. per annum on Ordinary Deposits, for the Semi-annual Term ending Jan. 21, 1875, payable on and after Jan. 28, 1875, free of all taxes.
Certificates of deposit issued payable at the First National Bank, New-York; also in Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, and St. Louis; London, Paris, Hamburg, and all the principal cities of Europe. Deposits received and paid in gold coin, and dividends paid in gold also. Money placed to the credit of the First National Bank, New-York, will be credited to the depositor here, and a pass-book sent by return mail.
H. T. GRAVES, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 396 and 398 Canal st., corner Laight.
Open daily from 10 to 3, and Monday evenings 5 to 7.
Assets, Over Eleven Million Dollars.
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SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED.
Books in English, French, and German.
G. S. CHAPIN, Treasurer. | N. J. HAYNES, President.
T. S. ARMOUR, Secretary.

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NO. 96 WARREN ST., NEW-YORK.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums.
Interest commences from 1st of January, April, July and October. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

EQUITABLE SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
Corner 6th av. and 12th st.
Money deposited at any time will commence to draw interest on the first day of the following month.
Interest paid Jan. 1, 1875, at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM.
JOHN E. DE WITT, President.
GEORGE C. WALDO, Secretary.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 42D ST. and 8th av. Established in 1860. Open daily from 9 to 3; Saturday and Monday evenings from 5 to 8. Interest 6 per cent., commencing the first of every month.

DIVIDENDS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE American Coal Company of Allegany County, Maryland, declared this day a semi-annual dividend of Three per Cent., payable on the 10th day of March next. The transfer books will be closed from Feb. 27 until March 11.—New-York, Feb. 8, 1875.
M. A. MYERS,
Secretary.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE—ONE PAIR OF BAY CARRIAGE horses, sixteen hands high; seven years old, well matched, stylish drivers; perfectly sound. At No. 6 Neilson place, (Mercer st.)

PRIVATE STABLE TO LET—NO. 153 EAST 38th st.; room for coachman's family. Apply to J. B. BARRECELLA, No. 532 3d av.

NO. 160 WEST 15TH ST.—LARGE STABLE with rooms for coachman to let. Apply on premises.

EXCURSIONS.

STEAM-BOATS AND BARGES FOR EXCURsions to Raritan Beach, Sea View, Iona Island, and Willow Haven Grove. MARTIN & KASKELL, 111 South st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

THE NEW UP-TOWN OFFICE OF THE TIMES.
THE TIMES has established a new Up-town Branch Office for the sale of papers, the reception of advertisements and subscriptions, and the transaction of any business in connection with the paper. It is located at
No. 1,257 Broadway, between 31st and 32d sts.,
and is open daily, Sundays included, from 4 A. M. to 9 P. M.
ADVERTISEMENTS RECEIVED UNTIL 9 P. M.

NO. 14 EAST 28TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH and Madison avs.—Elegantly furnished parlor floor to let, en suite or singly; hot and cold water, and every convenience.

BROOKLYN BOARD.—FIRST-CLASS ROOMS and board at the Turkish Bath Establishment, Nos. 81 and 83 Columbia Heights, three minutes' walk from Fulton ferry; dinner at 1 o'clock; terms moderate.

FIFTH AV., NO. 208, OPPOSITE MADISON Park, parlor and bedrooms, second floor, handsomely furnished; private bath, &c.; house and board first-class. JOHN F. WORSTELL.

FIFTH AV., BETWEEN 11TH AND 12TH sts.—Desirable suites of apartments on first and third floors, with private table, in the pleasantly located double house No. 45 5th av.

ADJOINING GRAND HOTEL.—VACATED 18T of March—An elegantly-furnished floor, with or without meals served from hotel. Highest references exchanged. No. 36 West 31st st.

NO. 52 CLINTON PLACE, NEAR 5TH AV.—Handsomely furnished rooms to let to gentleman and wife, or single gentlemen, with or without board; also table board; house and locality first class.

NO. 31 WEST 16TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH and 6th avs.—To let, an entire second floor handsomely furnished, with or without private table; also, other rooms; highest references.

ADJOINING GRAND HOTEL.—VACATED 1st of March—An elegantly-furnished floor, with or without meals served from hotel. Highest references exchanged. No. 36 West 31st st.

NO. 236 WEST 37TH ST.—THREE-STORY front room, with board, to gentleman and wife or single gentlemen; private American family; terms moderate; no moving; also hall room; references.

FIFTH AV., NO. 351, NEAR 34TH ST.—Front suite of rooms, newly furnished, with piano, &c., with or without board; also, a single room; terms moderate.

NEATLY-FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET TO one or two gentlemen at No. 37 3d av.; reference required; ring the bell.

NO. 22 EAST 49TH ST.—HANDSOMELY FURnished rooms, en suite or singly; superior board; references exchanged.

NO. 60 WEST 38TH ST.—FRONT ROOM, second story; back room, fourth story; and hall room, with board.

TWO CONNECTING SECOND-STORY FRONT rooms; also, a single room to rent, with board, to parties desiring a refined home. No. 61 West 17th st.

NO. 22 EAST 41ST ST.—NICELY FURNISHED sunny rooms, suitable for gentleman and wife, or single gentlemen.

NO. 33 WEST 33D ST.—HANDSOME THIRD-floor room with board, for gentleman and wife.

BOARD WANTED.

WANTED—BY A GENTLEMAN, WIFE, SON, (SIXteen,) and maid, five furnished rooms; private meals; neighborhood Fifth Avenue Hotel preferred; prices must be low and unobjectionable and reply; none other will be noticed; references first class. Address APARTMENT, Box No. 354 Post Office.

A YOUNG GENTLEMAN DESIRES BOARD with a sociable private family, where he can spend some evenings in their company; references exchanged. Address, with particulars, HOME COMFORTS, TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of GEORGE S. WEEKS, as surviving partner of the late firm of F. S. Weeks & Co., Bankrupt.—In bankruptcy.—This is to give notice that the second general meeting of the creditors of the above-named bankrupt will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden at No. 4 Warren st., in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 17th day of March, 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M., before Isaiah T. Williams, Esquire, the Register of said Court in Bankruptcy in charge of the above-entitled matter, pursuant to the order of the said Register, for the purposes mentioned in sections 5,092, 5,099, 5,100, and 5,101 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title, "Bankruptcy," that we have filed an account of our receipts and payments as assignees of the estate of said bankrupt with the said Register, and that at said meeting we shall apply to the court for an adjustment and settlement of our said account.
Dated this 2d day of March, 1875.
JOHN D. MAIRS,
THOMAS C. SHEPHERD,
CHARLES S. SMITH,
Assignees, No. 510 Water street, New-York City.
W. HOWARD WAIT, Attorney for Assignees,
No. 18 William st., New-York City.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of FREDERICK VENTHIEN, Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—The Register has been issued by the said court against the estate of Frederick Venthien, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a court of bankruptcy to be holden at No. 4 Warren street, in the City of New-York, in said district on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Isaiah T. Williams, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court.
OLIVER FISKE,
Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ARCHIBALD C. HAYNES, GEORGE W. MOREY, and JAMES B. MOREY, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Archibald C. Haynes, George W. Morey, and James B. Morey, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of their estate will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden at No. 4 Warren street, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Isaiah T. Williams, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court. OLIVER FISKE,
Marshal—Messenger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JAMES AUSTIN and WILLIAM K. AUSTIN, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—Before Isaiah T. Williams, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of James Austin and William K. Austin, (composing the late firm of James Austin & Co.,) of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, within said district, who have been adjudged bankrupts upon their own petition, by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York City, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1875.
JOSEPH LORD, Assignee,
No. 130 Duane street, New-York City.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of MONMOUTH H. CHAMBERS, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Before John Fitch, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of John H. Hoyer, of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York City, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1875. LEONARD K. SMITH,
f24-law3wW* Assignee.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss: At the City of New-York, the 3d day of March, 1875.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of MAX HAMBURGER and BERTHOLD FRANKEL, of the City and County of New-York, in the State of New-York, within said district, who have been adjudged bankrupts upon their own petition, by the District Court of said district. JOHN H. PLATT, Assignee,
mh3-law3wW No. 40 Wall st., New-York.

AUCTION SALES.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of HENRY E. DIBBLEE, DAVID P. BINGLEY, and JOHN J. KRAUSS, (partners heretofore composing the firm of H. E. Dibblee & Co.), Bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at my office, No. 107 Grand street, in the City of New-York, on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M., all the book accounts, debts, and claims of every nature and kind, now due and owing to the estate of the above-named bankrupts. Also, one gold watch. Terms of sale, cash. A list of the claims to be sold, containing the names and last known addresses of the debtors, and the amounts of the several debts, can be seen any day at my said office, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.—Dated this 23d day of February, A. D. 1875.
f24-law3wW* JAMES R. CLARK, JR., Assignee.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.—IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of MILTON C. NORTHRUP and SARAH C. NORTHRUP, bankrupts. The undersigned assignee in bankruptcy of the estate and effects of the above-named bankrupts, hereby gives notice that, on WEDNESDAY, 10th day of March, 1875, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, he will sell at public auction, at the coal yard, No. 138 Monroe st., in the City of New-York, by James A. Miller, auctioneer, seven coal carts, harness, sieves, fixtures, &c., &c.
CHARLES GULAGER, Assignee.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 20, 1875.

ART SALE.
Large and important sale of a superb collection of WATER COLOR DRAWINGS,
recently imported, together with a collection of a private gentleman, embracing fine specimens of AMERICAN, ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND SPANISH ART.
The above are now on free exhibition, day and evening, at
SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
No. 82 5th av.,
and will be sold on
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS,
March 4 and 5, at 8 o'clock.
R. SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY, 14TH ST. MUZIO'S BENEFIT.
BENEFIT OF SIG. R. MUZIO.
Farewell performance of
THE STRAKOSCH ITALIAN OPERA.
FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, at 7:30 o'clock,
LOHENGRIN.
Mlle. HEILBRON, Miss

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.....March 2.

SENATE.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATIONS.

The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill was received from the House of Representatives and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PENSION BILLS.

On motion of Mr. PRATT, of Indiana, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with, and ten minutes were allowed for the consideration of bills from the Committee on Pensions. The following House bills reported by that committee were passed: Granting pensions to Mrs. Penelope C. Brown, William C. Davis, Rosalie C. P. Lisle, Catharine Lee, Mary E. Stewart, Davenport Downs, William O. Madison, Martin D. Chandler, Salem P. Rose, Hannah E. Currie, Margaret H. Pittenger, and the House bill for the relief of George A. Schreiner.

SENATOR MAXEY OF TEXAS.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Texas, presented the credentials of S. B. Maxey, United States Senator from the State of Texas for the period of six years from March 4, 1875. They were read and placed on file.

MILITARY BILLS.

The business on the calendar from the Committee on Military Affairs came up and several relief bills were passed. The House bill authorizing the sale of buildings and grounds known as the Detroit Arsenal, in Michigan, was also passed.

THE CAUCUS BILL.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, called for the second read of the House bill to provide against the invasion of States, to prevent the subversion of their authority, and to maintain the security of elections, known as the "Force bill." It was read by title.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, objected to a third reading, and the bill was laid over, no motion being made to refer it to any committee.

THE TERRITORIAL RAILROAD BILL.

Mr. STEWART, of Nevada, from the Conference Committee on the bill to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Railroad Companies in the Territories of the United States, made a report, which was agreed to.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, from the Committee on Commerce, reported back the River and Harbor bill, without amendment and without recommendation. He said the committee made this report on account of the action of the Senate last night in laying the Tariff bill on the table. It was placed on the calendar.

EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES.

The Senate took up the bill to equalize bounties.

Mr. ALCORN moved to amend by adding an additional section repealing all laws prohibiting the payment of pensions to soldiers of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and widows of deceased soldiers, on account of disloyalty.

Mr. LOGAN said this bill would call for less money than any of the other bounty bills which have been before Congress for several years past. It was impossible for any person to make an accurate statement as to what a bill of this kind would cost. The calculations made by the Auditors were entirely erroneous. He believed the bill would not require more than $30,712,552. The amount of bounty paid by the States, which was $266,751,250, and the amount paid by the Government, amounting to $405,000,000, was all to be deducted. A soldier who had received the full amount of bounty from any State would get nothing under this bill. He urged the passage of the bill because he believed it was a just claim, and would vote for it as long as he had a seat upon this floor.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, said he would vote for any bill to pay any legal obligations due the soldiers by the Government, or to give them any bounty due to them under existing law which they have not received, but in no condition now to pay the amount of money called for by this bill. The soldiers could never be paid for their services in saving the Union, even if all the money in the Treasury and all the property of the Government should be turned over to them. The country had agreed to give pensions to all who were disabled, and $30,000,000 were being paid annually for that purpose, the largest pension-roll of any nation. His colleague in the House, who had charge of this bill, estimated it would require something over twenty-nine millions of dollars; the Second Auditor's office estimated fifty-nine millions, and the Paymaster General estimated over one hundred millions. This bill would create a demand upon the Treasury which must be met in six months. Claim agents all over the country would be busy collecting these claims, and in less than six months nearly all of them would be presented for payment. He was as good a friend to the soldier as ever lived, but it was the duty of the Senate under the circumstances to look this thing in the face, and not pass it now. If the States have paid this bounty and this bill became a law, the Government would be bound to return the amount to the States. No sooner would the bill be a law than the States would demand the equalization of bounties among them. He felt that the bill should be postponed until there was money enough in the Treasury to meet the demands of the Government.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Alcorn so as to include soldiers who served in the Mexican War.

After some further discussion Mr. ALCORN withdrew his amendment.

Mr. FERRY, of Connecticut, moved to strike out the words "or State" in the second and fifth sections, which provide for the deduction for bounty already paid under the United States or State laws. In support of his amendment Mr. Ferry argued that the General Government had no right to confiscate the bounty paid by States and use it toward the bounty due the soldiers by the General Government.

The amendment was agreed to—yeas, 34; nays, 21.

THE VISITORS TO THE NAVAL AND MILITARY ACADEMIES.

The VICE PRESIDENT announced, as the members of the Board of Visitors to the Military Academy, Messrs. Allison, of Iowa, and Ransom, of North Carolina; and as members of the Board of Visitors to the Naval Academy, Messrs. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Gordon, of Georgia.

THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, from the Committee on Commerce, reported adversely on the bill to promote the efficiency of the light-house service in the United States, and it was indefinitely postponed.

ADVERSE REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Mr. CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported unfavorably on the House bill for the relief of E. Joseph House; resolution in regard to international arbitration; Senate resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba; the joint resolution concerning the case of Condon, imprisoned in England, and Senate resolution in regard to the mission to Sweden and Norway; and the committee was discharged from their further consideration. He also reported adversely on the bill introduced by the House in June last relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries; the bill introduced by Mr. Frelinghuysen in March last to encourage and promote telegraphic communication between America and Asia; and the bill introduced by Mr. Sargent in January last, making provision for an Oriental College, and they were indefinitely postponed.

THE POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFERENCE.

The VICE PRESIDENT announced as the Committee of Conference on the Post Office Appropriation bill, Messrs. West, Ferry of Michigan, and Davis.

THE DEFUNCT GLOBE ESTABLISHMENT.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Printing, reported back the memorial of Messrs. F. and J. Rives, asking the Government to purchase the building, material, &c., of the late *Congressional Globe*, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations. It was so ordered.

SHUTTING OUT THE LOBBY.

He also submitted an order directing the Sergeant at Arms to exclude from the marble room and adjacent corridors all persons not entitled to the privileges of the floor during the remainder of the present session, which was agreed to.

THE BOUNTY BILL RESUMED.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Bounty bill.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, submitted an amendment as an additional section authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow as much money as may be needed to carry the act into effect at any time when there is not enough money in the Treasury to meet its requirements, and also authorizing him, for the purpose of borrowing such money, to issue and dispose of any of the kinds of bonds described in the act of July 14, 1870.

Mr. MORTON said the Government could not borrow money for a more patriotic purpose than to pay bounties to soldiers. He would, therefore, vote for the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to—yeas 41, nays 12.

The bill was then reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in the Committee of the Whole were agreed to.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted—yeas 30, nays 30. Being a tie vote, the Vice President voted in the affirmative, and the bill was passed. When the fact was announced there was applause in the galleries, but it was promptly checked. The vote in detail was as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alcorn, Boreman, Cameron, Carpenter, Conkling, Conover, Cragin, Dorsey, Ferry of Michigan, Flanagan, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harvey, Hitchcock, Howe, Ingalls, Jones, Logan, Mitchell, Morton, Oglesby, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Scott, Spencer, Wadleigh, West, Windom, Wright—30.

NAYS—Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Boutwell, Chandler, Cooper, Davis, Dennis, Eaton, Edmunds, Ferry of Connecticut, Frelinghuysen, Goldthwaite, Hager, Hamilton of Maryland, Johnston, McCreery, Merrimon, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Ransom, Robertson, Sargent, Saulsbury, Sherman, Sprague, Stevenson, Stewart, Stockton, Washburn—30.

Messrs. Clayton and Schurz, who would have voted in the affirmative, were paired with Messrs. Hamilton of Texas, and Gordon, who would have voted in the negative.

THE REVENUE BILL TAKEN UP.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, moved that the Senate take up the bill to further protect the sinking fund and provide for the exigencies of the Government, known as the Tax and Tariff bill. Agreed to—yeas, 26, nays, 23, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Boreman, Boutwell, Cameron, Chandler, Conkling, Dorsey, Edmunds, Ferry of Michigan, Flanagan, Frelinghuysen, Hamlin, Howe, Mitchell, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Morton, Patterson, Pratt, Ramsey, Sargent, Scott, Spencer, Vadleigh, Washburn, West—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Bayard, Bogy, Cooper, Davis, Dennis, Goldthwaite, Gordon, Hager, Hamilton of Maryland, Hamilton of Texas, Johnston, Jones, McCreery, Merrimon, Norwood, Oglesby, Saulsbury, Sherman, Sprague, Stevenson, Stewart, Stockton, Thurman, Wright—29.

Messrs. Logan and Ransom, who would have voted in the negative, were paired with Messrs. Robertson and Wadleigh, who would have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHERMAN called up the House bill to provide for the support of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, and for other purposes. Passed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATIONS.

The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill was finished in Committee of the Whole a little after 2 A. M. to-day, and the committee rose and reported it to the House.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, a paragraph was inserted to pay to the clerks discharged by reason of the reductions made necessary by the legislation of this Congress, two months' pay.

On motion of Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, and after discussion, a proviso was added to the item for printing national currency, requiring the printing of national bank notes on distinctive and special paper, the same as United States notes. All the amendments were agreed to except the one appropriating $50,000 for information to defeat fraudulent claims against the Government.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, interposed various obstacles to the progress of the bill, demanding the reading of the engrossed bill, but the rules were suspended and the reading was dispensed with. The bill was passed at 3:50 A. M., and the House then adjourned.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

TAXATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

On reassembling to-day the House took up the various bills providing for taxation in the District of Columbia, and, after some discussion, passed the substitute offered by Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, which provides for a taxation of one and a half per cent. on real and personal property, and does not provide for representation in Congress by a Delegate.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. E. R. HOAR, of Massachusetts, from the Select Committee on a Breach of Privileges of the House, in the arrest of Mr. Whitelaw Reid while attending as a witness before the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill to protect witnesses in such cases from arrest on civil process, and it was passed.

THE WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Mr. ORR, of Iowa, from the Committee on Public Lands, moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill giving the consent and approval of Congress to the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company to build that portion of the road between Portage City and Stevens Point, on the line adopted by the act of the Wisconsin Legislature of Feb. 10, 1875, instead of on the line adopted by the act of April 9, 1866. After a brief discussion the motion was agreed to, and the bill was passed.

THE POST-OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS—FRANKING.

Mr. TYNER, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Senate amendments to the Post Office Appropriation bill, and the House proceeded to act upon them.

The amendment fixing the salary of the New-York Postmaster at $8,000 was non-concurred in.

The Senate amendment as to franking documents being reached, Mr. TYNER said he was instructed against his own judgment) to recommend concurrence in it, with several verbal amendments, which would make it read as follows: "That from and after the passage of this act the *Congressional Record*, or any part thereof, or speeches or reports therein contained, shall, under the written frank of a member of Congress or Delegate (to be written by himself) be carried in mails free of postage, under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe; and that public documents already printed, or ordered to be printed for the use of either House of Congress, may pass through the mails in the frank of any member or Delegate of the present Congress (written by himself) until the 1st of December, 1875, provided that speeches reproduced from and printed otherwise than in the *Congressional Record*, and speeches delivered elsewhere than in Congress, shall not be construed as public documents, or be embraced within the provisions of this section."

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to; 113 to 65.

Mr. GARFIELD moved to reconsider the vote; and Mr. CESSNA moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. The yeas and nays were ordered on the latter motion, and resulted: yeas, 137; nays, 103. So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The following is the vote in detail:

YEAS—Messrs. Albert, Arthur, Ashe, Averill, Banning, Barry, Beck, Begole, Bell, Biery, Bowen, Bright, Brown, Buckner, Burchard, Butler of Massachusetts, Butler of Tennessee, Cain, Caldwell, Cannon, Carpenter, Cason, Cessna, Clements, Clymer, Cobb of Kansas, Coburn, Cook, Creamer, Crutchfield, Davis, Dewitt, Donnan, Duell, Dunnell, Durham, Eldredge, Farwell, Finch, Freeman, Giddings, Glover, Gunter, Hagans, Hamilton, Hancock, Harmer, Harris of Georgia, Harrison, Hatcher, Havens, Hazelton of Wisconsin, Hazelton of New-Jersey, Hodges, Houghton, Howe, Hurlbut, Hyde, Hynes, Jones, Lewis, Lowe, Lowe, Lynch, Martin, Maynard, McDill of Wisconsin, MacDougall, McNulta, Moore, Myers, Negley, O'Neill, Orth, Packard, Parker of Missouri, Pelham, Phillips, Platt of New-York, Pratt, Purman, Rapier, Read, Richmond, Robbins, Sessions, Shanks, Sheats, Sheldon, Sherwood, Sloan, Smart, Smith of Pennsylvania, Snyder, Sprague, Stowell, Sypher, Taylor, Todd, Townsend, Tremain, Tyner, Wallace, Lewis D., Wallace, Richard H., White, Wilber, Williams of Indiana, Wilson of Iowa—79.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Albert, Archer, Arthur, Ashe, Atkins, Averill, Banning, Barnum, Barrere, Beck, Bell, Berry, Bland, Blount, Bradley, Bradley, Brigg, Bromberg, Brown, Buckner, Burchard, Burleigh, Caldwell, Cannon, Chittenden, Clark of New-Jersey, Clark of Missouri, Clarke of New-York, Clayton, Clements, Clymer, Cobb of Kansas, Comingo, Cook, Cotton, Cox, Crittenden, Crossland, Crounse, Danford, Davis, Dawes, DeWitt, Durham, Eames, Eden, Eldredge, Finch, Fisher, Garfield, Giddings, Gunckel, Gunter, Hale of Maine, Hamilton, Hancock, Harris of Massachusetts, Harris of Georgia, Harris of Virginia, Harrison, Hatcher, Havens, Hawley of Connecticut, Hereford, R. E. Hoar, E. R. Hoar, Hoskins, Hubbell, Hunton, Kasson, Kellogg, Killinger, Knapp, Lawrence, Loughridge, Lowndes, Luttrell, Magee, Marshall, McCrary, McDill of Iowa, McLean, Merriam, Milliken, Mills, Monroe, Morrison, Neal, Niblack, O'Brien, Orr, Packer, Parker of New-Hampshire, Parry, Pierce, Poland, Potter, Randall, Ransier, Ray, Reed, Richmond, Robbins, R. H. Roberts, W. R. Roberts, Robinson of Illinois, Robinson of Ohio, Ross, Sayler of Indiana, Sayler of Ohio, Schell, Scudder of New-York, Sener, Shoemaker, Sloss, Smith of New-York, Smith of Ohio, Smith of North Carolina, Southard, Speer, Stanard, Standford, Starkweather, Stephens of Georgia, Stevens of Massachusetts, Stone, Storm, Strait, Thomas of North Carolina, Thomas of Virginia, Thompson, Vance, Ward of New-Jersey, Wells, Wheeler, Whitehead, Whitehouse, Whitely, Whitthorne, Willard of Vermont, Willard of Michigan, Williams of Wisconsin, Williams of Michigan, Wilson of Indiana, Wilson of Iowa, Woodworth, Young of Georgia—103.

The next important amendment was one reviving the franking privilege in respect to garden seeds transmitted by the Commissioner of Agriculture and the agricultural reports emanating from that department.

After some observations by Mr. TYNER, of Indiana, against the amendment, it was concurred in—yeas 133, nays 95.

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Mr. SCOFIELD, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The House of Representatives, on the 30th of April, 1862, adopted a resolution censuring Simon Cameron for certain alleged irregular proceedings as Secretary of War in the matter of purchasing military supplies at the outbreak of the rebellion; and,

Whereas, On the 26th day of the ensuing month the then President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, in a special Message to Congress, assumed for the Executive Department of the Government the fullest responsibility of the proceedings complained of, declaring in said Message that he should be wanting equally in candor and justice if he should leave the censure to rest exclusively or chiefly on Mr. Cameron, and adding that it was due to Mr. Cameron to say that although he fully approved of the proceedings, they were not moved or suggested by him, and that not only the President but all the other heads of departments were at least equally responsible with him for whatever error, wrong, or fault was committed in the premises, Therefore,

Resolved, That this House, as an act of personal justice to Mr. Cameron, and as a correction of its own records, hereby direct that said resolution be rescinded, and that the recision be entered on the margin of the journal where said resolution is recorded.

After remarks by Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, and by Messrs. Holman and Niblack, of Indiana, in support of the resolution offered by Mr. Scofield, it was unanimously adopted.

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The House then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Select Committee on Arkansas Affairs.

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The substitute was rejected; yeas 69, nays 152.

The next question was on the resolution reported by the committee, that no interference with the existing Government in Arkansas, by any department of the United States Government, is advisable.

The resolution was then adopted; yeas 149, nays 80.

The following is the vote on Mr. Ward's substitute:

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THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The House then, at 10:30 P. M., went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Hazelton, of Wisconsin, in the Chair) on the Deficiency bill. The bill appropriates $2,496,556, and revives appropriations to the amount of $1,761,327.

At 1:20 P. M., after disposing of only three pages of the bill, the committee rose and the House adjourned.

THE NEW COMMISSIONER.

GOSSIP REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT AND THE PATRONAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Fitz John Porter entered upon his duties as Commissioner of Public Works yesterday. He was formally received by his predecessor, Mr. Van Nort, who arrived at an early hour for the purpose of finishing the business of his department. The gentlemen had a long interview in relation to the management of the office. The ante-room was filled with politicians, contractors, and others who were anxious to ascertain how the new incumbent would distribute the large number of places in his gift, but they failed to receive any reliable information on that point. It was said that Mr. John Kelly had approved of the appointment, and that he notified the subordinate leaders of Tammany of the fact in order to prevent the rank and file of the party from inaugurating a reactionary movement against the Mayor. It was whispered from ear to ear that the ward committees of the party would have absolute control of the offices in the gift of Commissioner Porter, and this assurance had the effect of silencing criticism on the part of those who were somewhat indignant when they first heard the name of Mr. Van Nort's successor. They were not disposed to speak of the matter at all, except so far as it related to securing a large amount of patronage for Tammany. Commissioner Porter did not state whether or not he had made any pledges to obtain the position, but it is a significant fact that some of the Aldermen, who were loud in their denunciations of the Mayor for not selecting some preeminent local politician to succeed Mr. Van Nort, suddenly changed their views under orders from headquarters. But these men regard Mr. Porter as the choice of some of their leaders—not of themselves—and they are anxiously awaiting future developments.

It was rumored yesterday that Mr. Porter had appointed Mansfield Lovell as an Engineer of his department; but the Mayor and his Secretary, Col. Harrison, positively denied the report. Mr. Lovell was at one time Deputy Street Commissioner, under Gustavus W. Smith. At the outbreak of the war, he accompanied Mr. Smith to the South, and both entered the rebel service. They subsequently returned to this City, and their names were not mentioned as candidates for office until after the Mayor's election. The heads of the various bureaus of the Department of Public Works are to call upon Mr. Porter to-day, and will be introduced by Commissioner Van Nort. Messrs. August Belmont and S. L. M. Barlow became sureties on Mr. Porter's official bond in $20,000 yesterday.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

B. P. Cheney, of Boston, is at the Brevoort House.

Judge W. L. Learned, of Albany, is at the Gilsey House.

Judge Ransom Balcom, of Binghamton, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Gen. James Craig, President of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railway Company, is at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Capt. A. M. Miller and Quartermaster J. M. Marshall, of West Point, are at the Union Square Hotel.

Ex-Gov. E. A. Straw, of New-Hampshire; ex-Congressman O. J. Dickey, of Pennsylvania; Judge R. D. Rice, of Maine, and Pliny Jewell, of Hartford, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

AN OLD SPORTING MAN DEAD.

Daniel E. Gavitt, for many years past known to the public in connection with all the great billiard matches played in this City, as a referee in questions pertaining to the same, died in this City on Monday, aged 55 years. He was born in New-York, but settled in Albany, where he learned the trade of steel engraving. He became somewhat celebrated through engraving the plates for the famous "red-dog" currency of 1837. From engraving he drifted into photography, and was one of the first daguerreotype artists in this country, carrying on a large gallery in Albany. In 1857 he became editor of the old *United States Magazine*, afterward merged into *Putnam's Magazine*. On the outbreak of the rebellion he assisted in organizing and served with distinction in the Thirty-eighth New-York Regiment. He then became identified with the billiard world, acting as billiard editor of the *Turf, Field and Farm*, and writing in various journals over the *nom-de-plume* of "Tirag." His last appearance was in connection with the Delaney Billiard Tournament in Tammany Hall, which he managed. On the departure of Mr. William Cook, the English billiard champion, Mr. Gavitt presented an address to Mr. Cook, from the American players. Of late years he acted as agricultural editor of the *Evening Express* newspaper.

THE NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

REFORMING THE FREEHOLDERS—THE CATHOLIC PROTECTORY BILL—FITZ JOHN PORTER—THE DISTRICT COURT BILL FOR HUDSON COUNTY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TRENTON, Tuesday, March 2, 1875.

Both houses held two sessions to-day. The Senate met, for the first time since the opening of the Legislature, in the afternoon. The afternoon session of that body was devoted almost exclusively to the second reading of the revised laws. Senator Potts submitted a bill abolishing the Board of Freeholders of Hunterdon County, and creating a commission consisting of three gentlemen—one being elected from each Assembly district in the county—to whose hands shall be intrusted the management of county affairs. This bill is similar to the one which passed the Senate a few days ago for the reorganization of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders; and the advisability of passing a general law for the organization of the several boards in the State upon the same basis is suggested. In many of the counties the Freeholders, whose duties are analagous to those of the Supervisors of New-York, are large and unwieldy bodies, the cost of sustaining which is unnecessarily large to the county, and the size of which impede rather than assist in the speedy transaction of public business.

In the House the bill chartering the New-Jersey Catholic Protectory was called up on its second reading. Mr. Kirk, of Essex, wanted the reading deferred for a day or two. He had not had an opportunity to read the bill as reprinted with the committee's amendment. Messrs. Doyle and Dodd, of Essex, and Sheeran and McDonald, of Hudson, opposed the laying over of the bill, and Mr. Kirk, recollecting that the bill was not on its final passage, withdrew his motion to defer.

In the House, in the afternoon, there was an exciting discussion over a series of resolutions offered by Mr. McGill, of Union, urging on the President to order a review of the evidence, and the retrial of Fitz John Porter. Mr. McGill supported the resolutions with a handsome speech, and a warm discussion ensued. Mr. Goble, of Ocean, likened Gen. Porter to Benedict Arnold, and was very warm in his denunciation. Mr. Youngblood moved to lay the resolutions on the table, and, making the motion, remarked that had the General received his deserts he would have been executed. Addresses were also made by Messrs. McDonald and Carey, of Hudson, in favor of the bill, and by others against it. The resolutions were finally put to vote and adopted by a vote of 49 to 5. A number of Republicans voted for the resolutions.

The bill for the creation of four district courts in Jersey City and Hoboken, which shall have jurisdiction in all civil cases in which Justices of the Peace now have jurisdiction, was called up and passed. The bill originally drawn proposed that the presiding Justices of the civil courts should be lawyers, presumably competent to decide the legal questions which would be submitted to them. It has since been amended, so as to strike out this qualifying feature. It was the only good feature of the bill, and the act is now comparatively worthless. It will undoubtedly be killed in the Senate.

The House at about 5 o'clock reached Carey's bill for the reorganization of the Hudson County Freeholders, on its third reading. This is the bill which provides for fifteen Freeholders. The bill was opposed by Messrs. McGill and Carscallen and supported by Mr. Carey.

THE HUDSON RIVER TUNNEL.

The argument upon the question as to whether the appointment of Commissioners to condemn lands claimed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, which had been taken by the Hudson River Tunnel Company for the construction of their tunnel, was legal, was heard yesterday in the New-Jersey Supreme Court, Trenton. Mr. Jacob Vanatta appeared for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, and Mr. John Linn made the argument for the Tunnel Company. Mr. Vanatta claimed that the Tunnel Company had no legal existence; that the General Railroad law gives the company no authority to organize or establish a corporation to construct a tunnel under the Hudson River; that the organization is not perfect, and that the tunnel company has no right to condemn the land, because said land is necessary for the franchises of the railroad. Mr. Linn, in